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“Biggest human tragedy of the last few years.”

Maltese Prime Minister Joseph Muscat

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A handout image from a video released by the Italian Coast Guard shows the search and rescue operations in the Strait of Sicily on Sunday.

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Teen kids of iconic Disney villains.

Hundreds fleeing Libya to Europe may have perished

Jane Onyanga-Omara
USA TODAY

European officials will hold an emergency meeting today to confront a growing humanitarian crisis after the presumed deaths Sunday of hundreds of people aboard a smuggler's boat. The boat, carrying up to 950 people fleeing Libya's coast for Europe, capsized in what could be the Mediterranean's deadliest migrant disaster. Maltese Prime Minister Joseph Muscat called it the "biggest human tragedy of the last few years."

Survivor accounts about the number of people on board varied from 700 to 950, the Associated Press reported. On Sunday, 28 survivors and 24 bodies were pulled from the water, Italian Premier Matteo Renzi said.

A survivor from Bangladesh said about 300 people were in



Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi holds a news conference on the shipwreck of migrants on Sunday in Rome. The boat carried up to 950 people fleeing Libya's coast for Europe.

the hold of the 66-foot fishing boat when it overturned, and about 200 women and dozens of children were also on board, Italian prosecutor Giovanni Salvi told the AP. He said there was no confirmation yet of that account.

Muscat told BBC News that rescuers were "literally trying to

find people alive among the dead floating in the water."

Tens of thousands flee chaos in North Africa and the Middle East for Europe and risk death while crossing the Mediterranean. The latest capsizing prompted European officials and Pope Francis to call for action to stop the tide of



A handout picture shows a camera screen shot during the rescue operation.

A perilous trek

Last year, 219,000 crossed the Mediterranean and 3,500 died. Migrants tell stories of horror and desperation, **8A**

migration. The European Union's foreign minister, Federica Mogherini, added migration as an emergency issue to today's meeting in Luxembourg.

The pope urged leaders to act decisively to stop these tragedies. "These are men and women like us, brothers seeking a better life."



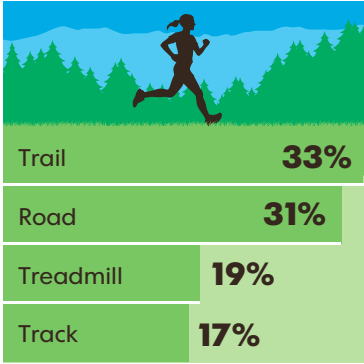
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Happy trails

Favorite running surface for adults who run at least once a week:



Trail	33%
Road	31%
Treadmill	19%
Track	17%

Source Brooks Running Run Happy Survey of 1,000 adult runners
ANNE R. CAREY AND JANET LOEHRKE, USA TODAY

No turning back on gay marriage

In poll, majority say it's no longer practical for court to ban unions

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WASHINGTON The Supreme Court hears arguments next week in a landmark case on gay marriage, but most Americans already have made up their minds: There's no turning back.

In a nationwide USA TODAY/Suffolk University Poll, those surveyed say by 51%-35% that it's no longer practical for the Supreme Court to ban same-sex marriages because so many states have legalized them. One reason for a transformation in public views on the issue: Close to half say they have a gay or lesbian family member or close friend who is married to someone of the same sex.

Kraig Ziegler, 58, of Flagstaff,



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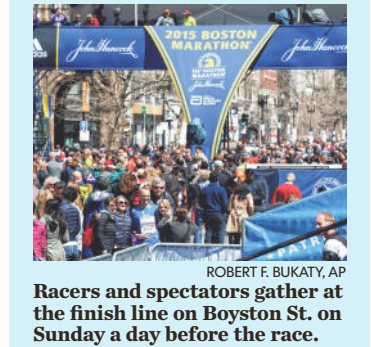
Ariz., acknowledged being a bit uncomfortable when he attended a wedding reception for two men, friends of his wife, who had married. "I still believe what the Bible says, 'one man, one woman,'" the mechanic, who was among those polled, said in a follow-up interview. On the other hand, he said, "I got to know the guys, and they're all right. They don't make passes or anything at me."

Gay-pride flags fly at the Supreme Court, which next week will hear oral arguments on cases from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Now he calls himself undecided on the issue.

In the survey, a majority, 51%-35%, favor allowing gay men and lesbians to marry, and those who support the idea feel more strongly about it than those who oppose it: 28% "strongly favor" same-sex marriage, 18% "strongly oppose" it. Fourteen percent are

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Boston is ready to move on

The 119th Boston Marathon today has a more hopeful feeling compared to last year's defiant tone following the twin bombings in 2013.

One reason: the ongoing trial of convicted bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. The penalty phase begins Tuesday, with the jury that convicted him of the crime weighing whether he gets the death penalty. **Story, 8C**

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VOICES

The smallest refugees: I was one of them

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USA TODAY



April 30, 1975, just about 40 years ago. On a U.S. military base in Guam, in a Quonset hut my family has been sharing with two dozen other families since we fled South Vietnam a week before, the bunk beds are filled with people listening to my father translate a BBC radio announcement: Saigon, our nation’s capital, has fallen to northern communists. No one makes a sound. Not even a gasp. Then a child starts sobbing. Dad says, “Maybe the adults have no more tears.”

The spell breaks. While some stay in their beds and stare into space, others drift outside toward the cafeteria that by then was serving 20,000 refugees. It’s lunch time after all. What else is there to say? Everyone’s exhausted. As a song sums up Vietnamese history until then: A thousand years enslaved by the Chinese enemy; a hundred years dominated by the French; 20 years of daily civil war — a mother’s legacy I leave for you.

My parents had been born in the north, and their families were among a million who fled when the country was divided into communist North Vietnam and South Vietnam. The Battle



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Family of Thuan Le Elston, third from left, in front of the refugee tent in 1975 at Camp Pendleton, north of San Diego.

Forty years later, an American with children of my own, I still recognize myself in those refugee eyes.

of Dien Bien Phu ended French colonialization in 1954, but our civil war just exploded — with both sides manipulating U.S. politicians, financial aid and military forces.

Of the 3 million servicemembers Washington sent to Vietnam, 60,000 died and 150,000 were wounded (including my future father-in-law).

For the Vietnamese on both sides, 4 million soldiers and civilians were killed or wounded.

The last U.S. combat troops

left in 1973, but American diplomats, security units and journalists stayed till the end. Dad, a former South Vietnamese lieutenant fluent in several languages, was managing editor of an English-language weekly; he told my mother to begin preparations to flee Saigon. In his youth in the north, Dad had wanted to join the nationalist Vietminh to end French colonialization, but when it turned communist, he lost all illusions. Both his and Mom’s families abandoned homes and businesses in 1954 because they didn’t want to live under communism. My parents now realized they’d have to do it again.

By 1975, I was in third grade, the eldest of five. South Vietnam’s president resigned April 21. Early next morning, packed with photos, a change of clothing for each of us and all of \$20 U.S., we taxied to the airport. We spent all day standing in line and got on a Pentagon cargo jet about 9 p.m. After our C-130 was in the air, American soldiers went around shining flashlights out the windows. When Dad asked why, they said that we had been shot at, but that the darkness helped so only the wings were nicked.

We spent a night at a U.S. military base in the Philippines, sleeping on air mattresses with thousands of other refugees. Then a week in Guam and a month north of San Diego at Camp Pendleton, one of four

U.S. bases assigned refugee duty.

When we arrived that May, Pentagon records show, Camp Pendleton had 18,000 Vietnamese living in eight “tent cities.” My family of seven was assigned to city No. 8, tent 88, which we shared with several other families. By the time the operation closed five months later, Camp Pendleton had aided more than 50,000 immigrants.

We were among a million Vietnamese who fled over two decades after the war ended, one of the largest exoduses in modern times. Hundreds of thousands, known as boat people, chose to face the open sea and pirates rather than stay in Vietnam. Those who survived lived for years in refugee camps in Southeast Asia before relocating to new homes.

Children are living in refugee camps again. The world is seeing its largest refugee crisis since World War II. Fighting in Syria, Yemen and other torn nations has displaced tens of millions of people.

When I see pictures of kids staring out of a refugee tent, I can’t turn away. I’ve been there, sleeping on a military cot, playing outside as much as possible to escape my traumatized parents’ forced smiles. Forty years later, an American with children of my own, I still recognize myself in those refugee eyes.

Elston is a member of USA TODAY’s Editorial Board.

Poll: U.S. has turned corner on gay marriage

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undecided.

“Everybody has a right to get married and be unhappy,” jokes Joann Fleming, 65, of Los Angeles. She’s divorced.

The poll of 1,000 people, taken by land line and cellphone April 8-13, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

There have been tidal changes in public opinion toward same-sex marriage — more than a third say they have changed their views on gays and lesbians during their lifetimes — but there also is a huge generation gap. Six in 10 of those 18 to 34 support the idea, compared with fewer than four in 10 of those 65 and older. And there continue to be conflicted views and some bitter divisions.

While nearly six in 10 Americans oppose a law that would allow people to refuse to provide business services to a same-sex wedding, those on both sides of that debate are concerned about the consequences of balancing respect for religious freedom with support for civil rights.

Next week, the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear 2½ hours of oral arguments on cases from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee that turn on whether gay and lesbian partners have a constitutional right to marry, or whether states have the right to ban the practice. A ruling is likely before the high court’s term ends in late June.

Thirty-six states and the District of Columbia now allow same-sex marriages.

CLASH OF RIGHTS

As more states allow same-sex marriage, disputes have grown over whether individuals and

AMERICANS WEIGH IN ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Ahead of next week’s Supreme Court arguments on gay marriage, a new poll tracks a transformation in public views on the issue.

Friends and family

Do you have a gay or lesbian family member or close friend who is married to someone of the same sex?

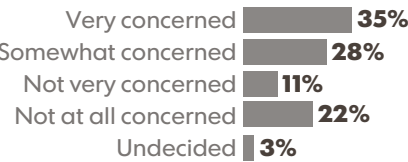


● Yes 46%
● No 53%
● Undecided 1%

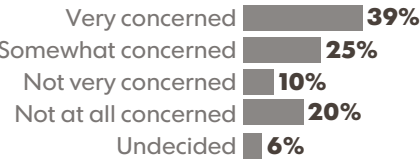
Clash of rights

How concerned are you that:

A law requiring businesses to provide services for a same-sex marriage would require them to go against their religion or pay a penalty?



A law allowing people to refuse such services on religious grounds discriminates against gays and lesbians?



Source USA TODAY/Suffolk University Poll of 1,000 people, taken April 8-13. Margin of error ±3 percentage points. ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ, USA TODAY

businesses should have the right to refuse to provide services for a gay wedding if they have religious objections.

By almost 2-1, 58%-31%, those surveyed say they shouldn’t. Indeed, more than a third of those who oppose gay marriage also oppose a law that would allow people to cite religious reasons for refusing, say, to provide flowers or catering for a same-sex couple.

A firestorm erupted last month when Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a Republican, signed the Religious

Freedom Restoration Act, which said the government could not “substantially burden” a person’s ability to follow their religious beliefs. Amid protests that the law would open the door to discrimination against gays, the state hurriedly enacted a follow-up provision that banned use of the law to defend discrimination based on sexual orientation.

“It’s nobody’s right to say, ‘This is right or this is wrong’ or exclude a certain group of people,” says Ashley Williams, 25, an ele-

mentary school teacher from Durham, N.C. “Just because they’re gay doesn’t mean they’re any less human.”

If a local business refused to provide services to a same-sex wedding — say, the rental of a reception hall — she says she’d be inclined to refuse to patronize the business herself.

But others disagree. “It’s in the eyes of God,” says Robert Robiliad, 61, a postal worker from Sagamore, Mass., who opposes gay marriage on religious grounds.

“A business, they should be allowed to do whatever they want to do without being tormented by higher-ups,” says Virginia Roberts, 85, of Holland, Ohio, who has retired from her job as the secretary at a spark-plug company. She doesn’t think gay marriages should be permitted, but she worries that the die on that already has been cast.

Most Americans don’t see the issue as being black-and-white:

► Nearly two-thirds, 63%, are concerned that a law requiring businesses to provide services to same-sex weddings would force those involved to go against their religious beliefs or pay a penalty. Even among those who support gay marriage, 17% support a law giving people the right to refuse.

► About the same number, 64%, are concerned that a law allowing people to refuse such services on religious grounds would discriminate against gay men and lesbians. Even among those who oppose gay marriage, 37% also oppose a law giving people the right to refuse.

CAMPAIGN DIVISIONS

The issue is sure to flare during the 2016 presidential campaign.

Democrat Hillary Clinton last

week said for the first time that she hopes the Supreme Court rules in favor of a constitutional right to marry, a stance at odds with the Republican field.

GOP hopeful Rick Santorum said he would refuse even to attend the gay wedding of a family member or close friend. But Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, also a prospective 2016 Republican contender, told reporters in New Hampshire on Saturday that he already had attended a reception for the same-sex wedding of a family member. “That’s certainly a personal issue,” he said.

Republican voters haven’t been immune to the changes in public opinion toward same-sex unions and how the high court should rule. While a majority in the GOP still oppose gay marriage, they are more closely divided on the issue than Democrats, who overwhelmingly support them.

“Even among the swath of Fox News viewers ... 30% either strongly favor or favor gay marriage,” says David Paleologos, director of Suffolk University’s Political Research Center. “This year’s crop of Republican presidential hopefuls ... must play to a wide spectrum of differences under the GOP tent.”

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IN BRIEF

IMMIGRANT VIOLENCE LEADS TO ARRESTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

More than 300 people have been arrested in South Africa in connection with a wave of violence against immigrants from other parts of Africa, the minister of home affairs says.

BBC said Malusi Gigaba issued a warning to those responsible, saying that they would be subject to “the full might of the law.”

At least six people have been killed in the past two weeks.

Gigaba said 307 people were arrested in connection with the violence.

DISSIDENTS LOSE IN HISTORIC LOCAL ELECTIONS IN CUBA

Two government opponents who ran in local municipal elections conceded defeat on Sunday, BBC reported.

SHROUD ON DISPLAY



MARCO BERTORELLO, AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Pilgrims get a closer look at the Shroud of Turin, which is on display for the first time in five years in Turin, Italy. Many believe it is the burial cloth of Jesus Christ.

Hildebrando Chaviano is an independent journalist and lawyer, and Yuniel Lopez a member of an outlawed political party, the Independent and Democratic Cuba Party.

The two men were running for places on local councils in Ha-

vana. Their election would have been unprecedented in Cuba’s single-party system.

Like half of the 27,000 candidates for municipal posts, the two were selected by a show of hands in a local neighborhood meeting.

The final round of the elections

was held on Sunday by secret vote, and there was no campaigning, BBC said.

VIDEO PURPORTS TO SHOW ISIL KILLING CHRISTIANS

A video purporting to show the killing of Ethiopian Christians by Islamic State-affiliated militants in Libya was released online Sunday.

The 29-minute video appears to show militants holding two groups of captives, one by an affiliate in eastern Libya known as Barka Province and the other by the Fazzan Province, an affiliate in the south. A masked fighter wielding a pistol says Christians must convert to Islam or pay a special tax prescribed by the Quran. The video then shows the captives in the south being shot and the captives in the east beheaded on a beach.

— Jane Onyanga-Omara

This Congress playing well with others, report suggests

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WASHINGTON The new Congress is showing early signs that lawmakers are working more and allowing more input from both parties in the Senate, a new report finds.

“I think it’s fair to say we’ve made a little progress this year,” said former Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, a co-founder of the Bipartisan Policy Center, which is examining the workings of Congress. “I’m encouraged by what we found, and I’m certainly encouraged to the degrees there’s been more open debate and consideration of issues.”

The center on Monday will launch the Healthy Congress Index, a new quarterly report tracking various metrics on the legislative branch, including days in session, filibusters and others.

The criteria are based on recommendations offered last June made by the center’s Commission on Political Reform, which argued that a breakdown of the leg-



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI, AFP/GETTY IMAGES

islative process had helped fuel polarization over time.

The initial report shows this Congress narrowly spent more days in session in the first quarter on legislative business than the previous two. In the Senate, with a new GOP majority, about 202 amendments — 97 from Republicans and 105 from Democrats — were considered by roll call or voice vote, or by unanimous consent. In the first quarter of the previous Congress, 134 amendments had been considered.

BPC member and former senator Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, said the amendment process in

particular is “extremely vital to the institution” finding legislative solutions and encouraging across-the-aisle relationships.

“Amendments are bridge builders,” she said. “They give both sides a chance to work together and compromise.”

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, have pledged to refocus the legislative process around “regular order,” the process by which legislation is intended to move through Congress. That means a process driven by committees and with more open debate, par-

ticularly in the Senate where minority party rights are emphasized.

“We’re not through getting back to normal,” McConnell told USA TODAY in a recent interview. Specifically, he wants to see a thriving committee process. To that end, recent bills on Iran, cybersecurity and trade that are going through the committee process are all likely to hit the floor in the coming weeks.

Part of the reason for Senate Republicans’ early success is that Democrats have engaged in the process rather than staging filibusters or using stalling tactics, according to Adam Jentleson, a spokesman for Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Former Senate Republican leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., who co-chaired the Commission on Political Reform with Daschle, said they want the index to serve lawmakers, who can use it to self-evaluate, and the public, so they can hold Congress accountable.

“I want the American people to know if they are producing results. ... And if they’re not doing that, I want the American people to know that, too,” Lott said.

In Okla., a tribute to city’s resilience

20 years after blast, residents are ‘example to us all,’ Clinton says

Rick Hampson
USA TODAY

Former president Bill Clinton, who was in the White House when a terrorist bomb destroyed the Oklahoma City federal building, told those who gathered Sunday to mark the 20th anniversary of the tragedy that all Americans owe the city a debt of gratitude for how it responded after the attack.

“You reminded us we should all live by the Oklahoma Standard,” Clinton said, alluding to what the city’s people have done for others, including the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

“A tragedy like this could have torn a city apart, but instead it has united this city. ... You had to choose far-sighted love over blind hatred.”

Former president Bill Clinton

“When you strip away all the little things that divide us, it’s important to remember how tied we are, and how much we, all Americans, owe Oklahoma City,” he said.

More than 1,000 people attended the morning service at the Oklahoma City National Memorial, which stands in the place of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The terror attack that



PHOTOS BY LARRY W. SMITH, EUROPEAN PRESSPHOTO AGENCY

People hug amid the 168 chairs representing those killed in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on the morning of April 19, 1995. Nineteen of the victims were children.



At the Oklahoma City National Memorial, 9:01 represents the last moment of innocence. The blast happened at 9:02 a.m.

destroyed it was, at the time, the deadliest on U.S. soil.

The service started with 168 seconds of silence — one for each victim — and included a reading by relatives of the names of those killed April 19, 1995.

“A tragedy like this could have torn a city apart, but instead it has united this city. ... And that’s an example to us all,” Clinton said. “You had to choose far-sighted love over blind hatred.”

As he was seated on the dais,

Clinton held the hand of former state representative Susan Winchester, who lost her sister, Peggy Clark, in the bombing.

As many as 400,000 people in Oklahoma City are thought to have known someone who was killed or injured that day.

Frank Keating, who was governor at the time, called the attack “unforgivable. ... This was a place of unspeakable horror and tragedy.” Nineteen of those killed were children.

Timothy McVeigh, an Army veteran with strong anti-government views, was executed for carrying out the bombing as revenge for the deadly standoff between the FBI and the Branch Davidian sect in Waco, Texas, which killed more than 70 people two years earlier.

McVeigh’s accomplice, Terry Nichols, is serving life in prison.

Contributing: The Associated Press

20 community college students recognized

Many overcome struggles while pursuing degree

Patrick Foster
USA TODAY

Staying focused enough to balance classes, extracurricular activities and a social life over four years is no easy task for students at traditional colleges, many of whom enjoy the support of parents and family members.

For the 20 students chosen for the 2015 All-USA Community College Academic Team, “just” dealing with college would be simple.

Overcoming drug addiction, parenting, living through years of abuse and struggling as immigrants and first generation college students are just a few of the



Sarah Taha

challenges the students are dealing with while pursuing a degree.

And in many cases, a lifelong dream.

“I don’t feel like a great inspirational person,” says Sarah Taha, an Iraqi immigrant who came to the U.S. after her father was murdered.

“I have power and I need to use it,” she said. “If everyone thought this way, the world would be changing.”

Taha joins 19 others in receiving the honor — which comes with a \$2,500 scholarship — presented by the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. The scholarships are designed to recognize 20 two-year college students from across the United



Valerie Le Grande



Quan Nguyen

States who display an outstanding combination of academic achievement and community service.

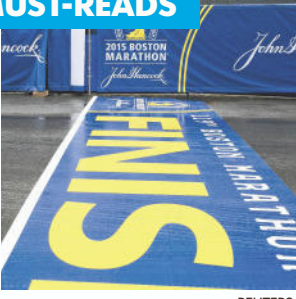
Sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group, with support from the American Association of Community Colleges, this year’s winners — who must have been nominated by his or her college — were chosen from a pool of more than 1,500 students nominated by more than 800 community colleges.

THE WINNERS:
Helene Alt, Hillsborough (FL) Community College/Dale Mabry Campus
Mason Buran, Montgomery (MD) College/Rockville Campus
Brianna DiSanza, Germanna Community College/Fredricksburg (VA) Campus
Macie Gillock, Redlands Community College, El Reno, OK
Brandon Hayes, Walters State Community College, Morristown, TN
Valerie Le Grande, Mesa (AZ) Community College/Southern/Dobson Campus
Rachel Lee, Reading (PA) Area Community College
Karen Meacham, Tarrant County (TX) College/Southeast Campus
Anastassiya Neznanova, LaGuardia Community College, Long Island City, NY
Quan Nguyen, Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, MA

Zeinab Noureddine, Miami Dade (FL) College, InterAmerican Campus
Audua Pugh, North Hennepin Community College, Brooklyn Park, MN
Rhonda Richardsen, Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ
Aaron Rosengarten, Northampton (PA) Community College, Main Campus
Jhoalmo Sibirian, Tarrant County (TX) College, Southeast Campus
Andrew Sypher, Mesa (AZ) Community College/Red Mountain Campus
Sarah Taha, San Diego (CA) Mesa College
Tricia Wildman, SUNY Suffolk (NY) County Community College/Michael J. Grant Campus
Ashley Williams, Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby, IL
David Yama, South Seattle (WA) College/South Campus

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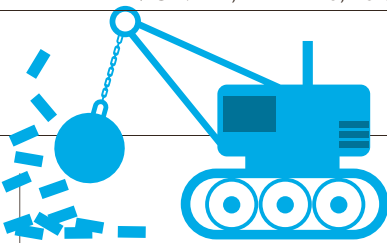
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News from across the USA

ALABAMA Birmingham: Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport has landed a new airline. *The Montgomery Advertiser* reported that service through Silver Airways will start June 16. The airline will fly non-stop between Birmingham and New Orleans twice every day, and to and from Jacksonville, Fla., daily on weekdays.

ALASKA Juneau: The Juneau School District is hopeful it can squeeze in a special election for a \$20 million school bond measure before the state imposes a five-year moratorium on reimbursement, the *Juneau Empire* reported.

ARIZONA Window Rock: A Navajo District Court judge canceled Tuesday's presidential election, granting an injunction for former election board members who wanted it postponed until after the elections office holds a referendum on the issue of removing the Navajo language requirement, the *Navajo Times* reported. An appeal is likely.

ARKANSAS Little Rock: Ethics Commission members are perplexed about how to administer a new law that says elected officials can avoid an investigation if they return a gift from a lobbyist within 30 days of learning that it's barred, *ArkansasOnline* reported.

CALIFORNIA Berkeley: The city is set to vote next month on an ordinance that would prohibit the sale of tobacco products within 1,000 feet of a school or public park, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reported.

COLORADO Aurora: Theater students at Cherokee Trail High School were initially told the Friday presentation of one-act plays they'd written about the challenges teens face every day had been canceled by administrators. Now, KUSA-TV reported, the presentation is back on for May 9, to give the district time to notify parents and the community.

CONNECTICUT New London: Members of Connecticut's congressional delegation are again proposing a commemorative coin to help fund a National Coast Guard Museum here, *The Day of New London* reported.

DELAWARE Rehoboth Beach: Officials received approval for a \$25 million, low-interest loan to build a new pipeline to discharge treated sewer waste 6,000 feet off the beach at the north end of the city, *The News Journal* reported.



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: For the first time since 2008, members of the general public can apply to become firefighters, *The Washington Post* reported, although city residents will get preferred treatment. Gregory Dean becomes fire chief May 1.

FLORIDA Brevard County: Officials here are looking to have a private vendor take over operations of three county-owned golf courses to combat shrinking revenue, *Florida Today* reported.

GEORGIA Atlanta: Gov. Deal, a Republican, signed a bill that makes cannabis oil legal in Georgia, the 36th state to do so, *WXIA* reported.

HAWAII Kailua-Kona: The state Department of Land and Natural Resources has proposed to limit the number of schools permitted to use a popular surf instruction spot at Alii Drive to four, *West Hawaii Today* reported. No more than eight students per school would be allowed in the water at any time.

IDAHO Pocatello: Construction on a \$5.4 million Idaho State Police facility will begin in August, the *Idaho State Journal* reported.

ARIZONA

Helping hands reach out to isolated

Dennis Wagner
The Arizona Republic

FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZ. In the Sonoran Desert, you just never know when a reptile will take part in Make A Difference Day activities.

"We had to get rid of a gila monster," explains Paul Appeldorn, one of about 300 Fountain Hills, Ariz., volunteers who spent Oct. 25 helping elderly and infirm neighbors. "But he unfortunately keeps coming back again."

Heather Ware, director of the Fountain Hills Volunteer Program, says townsfolk provided assistance to 67 residents of this suburban Phoenix community — doing household repairs and cleaning, painting, landscaping and building fences.

Ware says residents used to take part in a Take Pride Day, sprucing up municipal facilities, but it didn't provide the emotional rewards that come with serving others.

"Benefits for the town were kind of cheesy," she notes. "And volunteers — they want to feel good when they finish a project."

Ware, who has a ministerial



DAVID WALLACE, THE REPUBLIC

Heather Ware, a Make A Difference Day coordinator, greets Bob Kinder at his home on March 19.

background, says she shifted gears when she learned about the Make A Difference Day project. She promoted the new event through newspaper ads, clubs, churches and other groups — and saw a groundswell of support.

The program serves "people in need who are often invisible in a community," Ware says, especially those who feel isolated and may be too embarrassed to ask for help.

Fifteen employees from Anytime Fitness, a Fountain Hills gym, teamed up at the home of Maureen Kelley, who has Par-

kinson's disease. They lowered closet bars, fixed a bed lift and did a deep-cleaning.

"It wasn't only the help they gave me, but the emotional lift," Kelley says. "I know they really cared."

Bob Kinder, an 89-year-old who has been confined to a wheelchair since suffering two broken hips, was similarly grateful.

Volunteers built a wheelchair ramp, enabling him to go out to his own mailbox for the first time in six years. "They were so friendly, and they worked real hard," Kinder said.

About Make A Difference Day Make A Difference Day, the nation's largest annual day of volunteering, is a USA TODAY initiative, backed by Gannett Co. in collaboration with Points of Light and supported by Newman's Own.

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The next Make A Difference Day is Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015.

ILLINOIS Woodstock: A McHenry County judge ruled against the Outlaw Motorcycle Club in its effort to reclaim leather vests and embroidered patches that members were wearing when they were arrested following a 2012 bar fight in Wonder Lake, the *Northwest Herald* reported. The judge said prosecutors had proved that the Outlaws are a street gang as defined by state law.

INDIANA Indianapolis: HIV cases in southeastern Indiana have climbed to 130, the state Health Department announced. *The Indianapolis Star* reported the increase is called "significant" with 24 new cases identified recently in an outbreak that has plagued the state since February.

IOWA Des Moines: Tech giant Google plans to invest another \$1 billion in its western Iowa data center, *The Register* reported.

KANSAS Lawrence: University of Kansas architecture students have transformed a blighted camping vehicle into a classroom on wheels, the *Lawrence Journal-World* reported. The renovated 1972 Airstream Sovereign Land Yacht is called the KU Mobile Collaboratory.

KENTUCKY Louisville: The Metro Council has slapped some regulations on so-called "pop-up" parties held at empty warehouses and stores around town, *The Courier-Journal* reported.

LOUISIANA Lafayette: Many parish classrooms will have one additional student in them next year. The School Board voted 6-3 to increase the student/teacher ratio by one student in schools that received a grade of A, B or C from the state last year. The move will save the district close to \$4 million, *The Advertiser* reported.

MAINE Hallowell: Rule changes brought state regulations into line with requirements from the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan, aimed at reducing whale entanglements with fishing gear, the *Mount Desert Island* reported.

MARYLAND Bethesda: Montgomery County karate teacher Alexander Soumbadze, 26, who police say admitted taping sex acts with male students has fled the country for Georgia, *WUSA-TV* reported.

MASSACHUSETTS Roxbury: Nearly 100 people gathered here

Saturday to rally and march in protest against recent police killings of people of color across the USA.



MICHIGAN St. Johns: The 42-mile Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Trail has been added to the state's extensive recreational trail network, the *Detroit Free Press* reported. The trail runs from west of Owosso and traverses farm land and the communities of Ovid, St. Johns and Fowler.

MINNESOTA Little Falls: Byron Smith, 66, who killed two teenagers who broke into his Little Falls-area house on Thanksgiving 2012, has appealed his murder convictions to the Minnesota Supreme Court, the *St. Cloud Times* reported.

MISSISSIPPI Jackson: Twelve new police officers stepped up for duty last week, when the department graduated its 54th recruiting class, *WAPT TV* reported.

MISSOURI Springfield: Michael M. Speed, 29, been sentenced to seven years in prison in a December 2013 stabbing death, the *News-Leader* reported.

MONTANA Helena: A bill on the way to Gov. Bullock's desk would make Montana the 50th state to pass anti-school bullying legislation. The bill is the work of years of advocacy, the *Great Falls Tribune* reported.

NEBRASKA Kearney: An estimated \$19 million expansion at Kearney Regional Medical Center could begin as early as this summer, the *Kearney Hub* reported. The proposed expansion includes two single-story patient wing additions, a helicopter pad and an expanded intensive-care unit with an emergency room and ambulance garage.

NEVADA Reno: Burning Man organizers have banned handheld lasers from this year's counterculture celebration in the Black Rock Desert north of Reno after a volunteer was blinded by a laser at the event last year, the *Reno Gazette-Journal* reported.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Tilton: A veterans home is seeking an additional \$4.7 million from the state to accommodate dementia and Alzheimer's patients. There are about 115,000 veterans in New Hampshire, 60,000 of whom are Vietnam War veterans age 65 and older, *The Bellingham Herald* reported.

NEW JERSEY Plainfield: A city councilwoman vows to revive a proposal to give all residents paid sick days after the City Council rejected the measure by a 3-to-3 vote, *MyCentralJersey.com* reported.

NEW MEXICO Santa Fe: An Oklahoma-based American Indian tribe is asking the state's highest court to reconsider its decision not to force Gov. Martinez to sign a gambling compact with the tribe, *The Santa Fe New Mexican* reported.

NEW YORK Rochester: A county judge threw out a proposed plea deal in a case involving a Rochester art dealer accused of stealing \$92,000 from an artist who had an exhibit at the dealer's gallery, the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* reported.

NORTH CAROLINA Asheville: Bills under consideration would allow makers of beer, cider and liquor in the state to sell their products directly to the people who drink them, in some cases instead of going through the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, the *Asheville Citizen-Times* reported.

NORTH DAKOTA Fargo: A 59-year-old woman is expected to recover after she was trapped inside a storage unit for days, *WDAY-TV* reported. Police say she suffered mild hypothermia.

OHIO Mason: The principal of a suburban Cincinnati high school has apologized to those offended after canceling a student-led event that invited girls to spend the day wearing a Muslim headscarf, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* reported.

OKLAHOMA Tulsa: Two men were hospitalized after an alcohol-fueled argument that got started over which phone is better: iPhone or Android, *KTUL.com* reported.

OREGON Salem: The state Department of Environmental Quality has found toxic chemicals in all of Oregon's water basins, the *Statesman Journal* reported. Some are at levels that could be harmful to humans or aquatic life.

PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia: Demolition began Saturday on the Philadelphia International Records at Broad and Spruce streets, *NBC10-TV* reported. Famous musicians recorded music in the company's studios owned by iconic producers Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff. They included Michael Jackson, Patti LaBelle, Chubby Checker, Teddy Pendergrass and the O'Jays.

RHODE ISLAND Providence: More than three-quarters of Rhode Islanders support tightening state law to prevent domestic violence offenders from possessing firearms, the *Providence Journal* reported.

SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia: Beginning with specialty license plates, the Department of Motor Vehicles will start issuing redesigned license tags May 1. The new plates will feature a simpler design to comply with a new law requiring the plates be easier to read, *WLTN-TV* reported.

SOUTH DAKOTA Pierre: Minor renovations at the state Capitol are underway now that this year's legislative session is over, *KGFX-AM* reported. The carpet in the House and Senate chambers is being replaced.

TENNESSEE Nashville: A state lawmaker who represents portions of Nashville was arrested on DUI charges, *The Tennessean* reported. Rep. Carson William "Bill" Beck, a Democrat, faces a May 14 court appearance and also was charged with a violation of the state's implied consent law, which typically means an individual refused to complete a blood alcohol test.

TEXAS Corpus Christi: Dozens of fish, including a sand tiger shark and nurse sharks, have died at the Texas State Aquarium after a chemical was used to exterminate a parasite. The treatment is new but has been commonly used, *NBC News* reported.

UTAH Hildale: It's been one year since the public school in this border town re-opened after leaders of a fundamentalist polygamist church forced the school district out of town in 2002 and the school has already garnered national media attention from ABC, CNN, *People* and the OWN Network. The school district superintendent said he believes people are drawn to the school's story because it's one of progress, *The Spectrum* reported.

VERMONT Montpelier: A bill restricting gun rights for violent criminals and people receiving court-ordered mental health treatment appears likely to pass the House of Representatives, the *Burlington Free Press* reported.

VIRGINIA Richmond: Lawmakers, who until recently were free to accept personal gifts of unlimited value from people with business before the government, voted to limit what any individual can give to \$100 a year, *The Washington Post* reported.

WASHINGTON Bainbridge: Authorities said a woman died in a house fire here, *The Kitsap Sun* reported. Anne Henningsen Schlee was in her 80s.

WEST VIRGINIA Kearneysville: State Police officials don't plan to have troopers carry naloxone, a drug that can reverse the effects of a heroin overdose, citing cost and training, the *Gazette-Mail* reported.

WISCONSIN Wausau: Pet owners are on alert because a virulent strain of canine influenza has affected more than 1,000 dogs across four midwestern states, the *Wausau Daily Herald* reported.

WYOMING Sheridan: Four applicants have applied for the state House District 29 seat left vacant by the death of Rep. John Patton, *The Sheridan Press* reported. Local residents Ky Dixon, Mark Kinner, Patrick Geary and Ryan Mulholland threw their hats into the ring.

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A progress report. Five years later.

Five years ago, eleven lives were lost in the Deepwater Horizon accident. Today, and every day, we remember our colleagues and their loved ones.

In response to the tragedy, we made two commitments: to help the Gulf recover and become a safer company. Ever since, we’ve worked hard to honor both.

BP has spent \$28 billion to date helping restore the Gulf economy and environment. And nearly five years of research shows the region is coming back faster than predicted.

Seafood catches are back to pre-spill levels and communities across the Gulf continue to report record tourism.

At the same time, we’ve toughened our safety standards. Teams train on state-of-the-art simulators before they drill in the Gulf. Once offshore, their work is overseen around-the-clock at our Houston Monitoring Center. And everyone has the power to stop a job at any time if they consider it unsafe.

We’re also sharing what we’ve learned with industry and governments worldwide.

What happened five years ago fundamentally changed us. I’m proud of the progress we’ve made so far — both in the Gulf and inside BP.

I invite you to learn more about our progress at **bp.com/US**.

Bob Fryar,
Vice President, Safety & Operational Risk, BP



YOUR SAY

ESTATE TAX

Is ‘death tax’ an unfair burden on wealthy heirs?

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The House voted to repeal the estate tax last week. However, the measure, which affects about 0.2% of Americans every year, is unlikely to pass because of a veto threat.

This is not about wealthy income earners paying taxes. It's about their kids who inherit more than \$5.4 million (from an individual) paying taxes on the amount that exceeds the tax-exempt amount. Is it really too much to ask the heir to earn his or her own keep after receiving \$5.4 million tax free?

Tom Kane

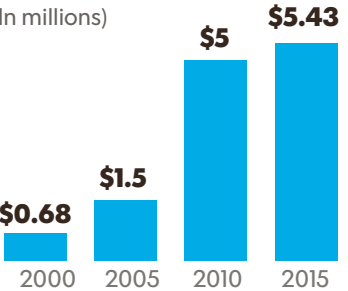
My children are my motivation in life and work. Nothing would burn me up inside more than the government taking a big proportion of the inheritance that I worked hard to leave to my children.

Juan Moore

The estate tax is double taxation and is punitive. If a person

FEW PAY

Amount of an estate exempt from federal taxes:



Source: Joint Committee on Taxation
JANET LOEHKE, USA TODAY

already has paid taxes on what he has accrued, why should his heirs have to pay another tax on the estate? One of the biggest problems in the U.S. tax code is the near impossibility of leaving assets to heirs without the government taking some huge tax.

Chris Palo

Dead people can't be taxed. Inheritance is unearned income.

Walter Lampton

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The piece “The ‘death tax’ punishes success” got it right, and so did our Founding Fathers (Opposing view, Estate tax debate, Thursday).

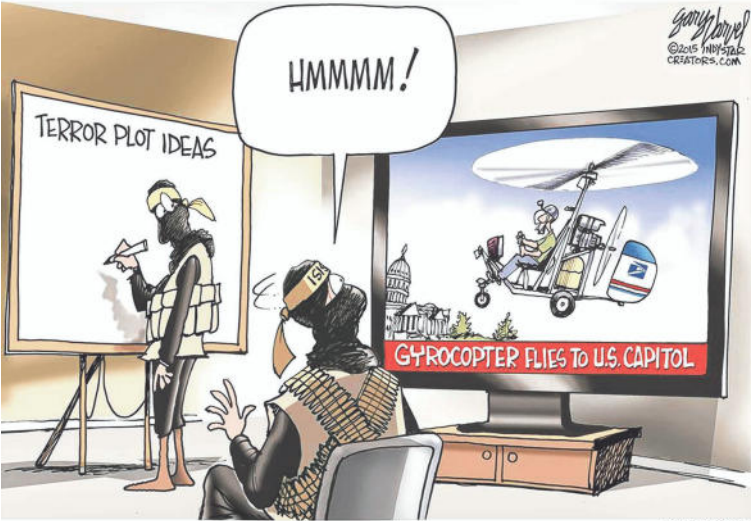
This confiscatory tax stifles the desire to improve one's life, a fundamental reason people live in the United States of America and want to come here. It also is a government overreach by taxing the same earned money more than once.

Repealing the death tax would not be a windfall to the taxpayer but would be one for the government. Being such a small amount of all taxes collected also demonstrates the ineffectiveness of federal governance.

Very rarely is a tax repealed that should never even have been on the books in the first place.

Richard S. Trenkmann
Hayward, Wis.

TOON TALK



GARY VARVEL, THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR, CREATORS SYNDICATE

Hernandez exemplifies wasted opportunity

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Aaron Hernandez, the former New England Patriots star player, was found guilty last week of first-degree murder.

Wow, how the mighty have fallen. Don't go light on this guy because he is famous. If anything, he should be hit even harder.

Bruce Mort

It's amazing to me how long this court process took. It's been almost two years since Odin Lloyd was killed. Millions of dollars spent on the case, and it's not over. Now comes the appeals process.

Dave Melges

Aaron Hernandez played a “game” and made millions. He could have had whatever he wanted — women, cars, a fancy house and a future of nothing



POOL PHOTO
Hernandez

but bliss! And yet, he went out and killed a man.

Now he is nothing but a felon. No longer will he be able to drive his fancy cars, romance women or go out and have a good time. He will sit in a cell with other thugs for the rest of his life. What a shame.

Rick Neal

Finally, someone with tons of money is found guilty and being held accountable for his actions. Our justice system works once in a while. I'm glad it worked this time.

Jan Garner

The only positive thing that can come out of this is if some young people who are doing wrong see the case and learn from it.

Ronald Butler

In the NFL, NBA, NASCAR, NHL and Hollywood, there are few role models anymore.

James Hansen

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We asked followers for thoughts on the House voting to repeal the estate tax.

I see no reason the government should tax the transfer of wealth that has already been taxed.

@DLSermsheim

Getting rid of the “death tax” sounds good as a headline for Congress, but it is just another tax break for the rich.

@Knoid2k

Why is this a priority now?

@mccull0817

Repealing it is long overdue. Our government has to stop penalizing families for a lifetime of hard work.

@3rdMrsH

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So far this month, almost a foot of rain has drenched **Mobile, Ala.**, about four times the average.

On this date in 1941, **Albany, N.Y.**, soared to **93 degrees**, its highest April temperature on record.

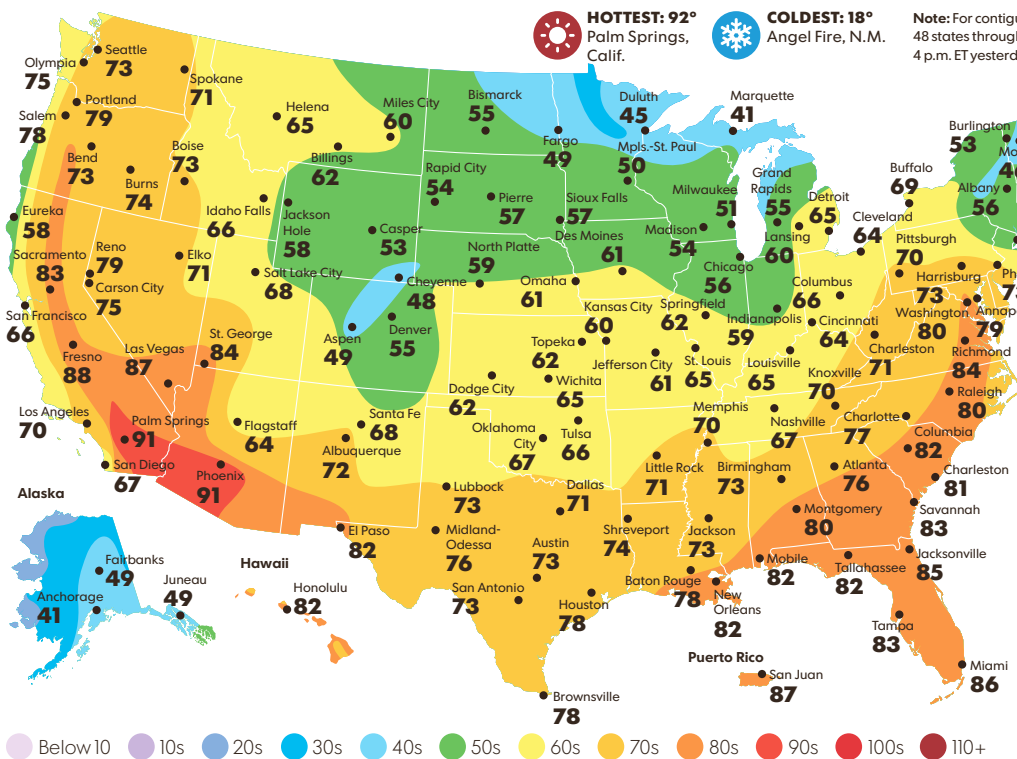
HOW MANY THUNDERSTORMS OCCUR ON EARTH EACH YEAR?



An estimated **16 million**.

Sources: AccuWeather, National Weather Service
Doyle Rice and Alejandro Gonzalez
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TODAY'S HIGH TEMPERATURES



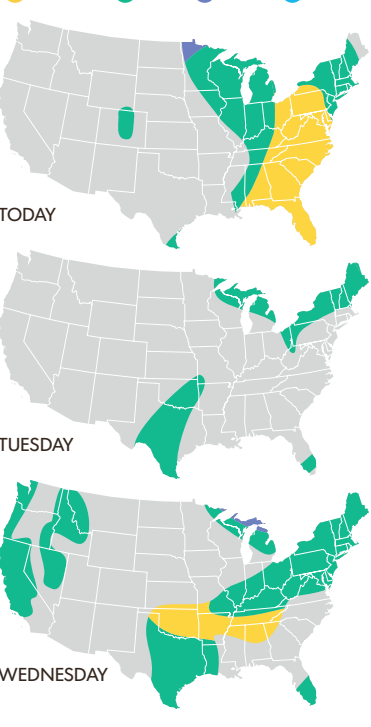
YESTERDAY'S EXTREMES

HOTTEST: 92°
Palm Springs, Calif.
COLDEST: 18°
Angel Fire, N.M.

Note: For contiguous 48 states through 4 p.m. ET yesterday

PRECIPITATION FORECAST

● T-storms ● Rain ● Snow ● Ice/mix



TOP TRAVEL CITIES

Air quality index (AQI)

ATLANTA	BALTIMORE	BOSTON	CHARLOTTE	CHICAGO	DALLAS	DENVER	DETROIT	HONOLULU	HOUSTON	LAS VEGAS	LOS ANGELES
MON ☁ Shower, t-storm 76/51	MON ☁ Heavy t-storm 79/52	MON ☁ Rain 50/49	MON ☁ Heavy t-storm 77/51	MON ☁ Showers around 56/37	MON ☁ Mostly sunny 71/51	MON ☁ Rain, snow 55/34	MON ☁ T-storms 65/39	MON ☁ Partly sunny 82/71	MON ☁ Mostly cloudy 78/58	MON ☁ Sunny, warm 87/62	MON ☁ Mostly cloudy 70/57
TUE ☁ Sunny, nice 72/53	TUE ☁ Sunny 70/46	TUE ☁ Showers 65/47	TUE ☁ Sunny, nice 72/51	TUE ☁ Very windy 56/33	TUE ☁ Shower, t-storm 73/61	TUE ☁ Warmer 64/37	TUE ☁ Very windy 56/37	TUE ☁ Shower 84/72	TUE ☁ Clouds, sun 80/65	TUE ☁ Mostly sunny 84/60	TUE ☁ Some sun, cool 68/57
WED ☁ T-storms 76/59	WED ☁ Showers 68/43	WED ☁ Mostly cloudy 62/46	WED ☁ Partly sunny 74/55	WED ☁ Cloudy spells 52/32	WED ☁ Shower, t-storm 80/65	WED ☁ Mostly sunny 68/39	WED ☁ Partly sunny 51/34	WED ☁ Showers 84/72	WED ☁ Shower 84/68	WED ☁ Partly sunny 79/59	WED ☁ Shower 67/56
AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Moderate
MIAMI	MPLS.-ST.-PAUL	NEW ORLEANS	NEW YORK	ORLANDO	PHILADELPHIA	PHOENIX	SALT LAKE CITY	SAN DIEGO	SAN FRANCISCO	SEATTLE	WASHINGTON
MON ☁ T-storms 86/75	MON ☁ Windy, cooler 50/36	MON ☁ Mostly cloudy 82/63	MON ☁ Rain 58/55	MON ☁ T-storms 86/69	MON ☁ Heavy rain 73/57	MON ☁ Sunny, warm 91/65	MON ☁ Sunny, nice 68/44	MON ☁ Mostly cloudy 67/59	MON ☁ Mostly cloudy 66/52	MON ☁ Sunny 73/49	MON ☁ Heavy t-storm 80/57
TUE ☁ T-storms 86/74	TUE ☁ Partly sunny 49/30	TUE ☁ Partly sunny 79/64	TUE ☁ Warmer 68/50	TUE ☁ Shower, t-storm 86/67	TUE ☁ Sunlit, breezy 70/49	TUE ☁ Sunny 90/62	TUE ☁ Mostly sunny 73/48	TUE ☁ Some sun 67/59	TUE ☁ Partly sunny 63/53	TUE ☁ Partly sunny 67/49	TUE ☁ Sunny, breezy 73/51
WED ☁ T-storms 83/75	WED ☁ Sunny 49/29	WED ☁ Partly sunny 81/68	WED ☁ Showers 63/48	WED ☁ Partly sunny 84/67	WED ☁ Showers 63/44	WED ☁ Sunny 88/61	WED ☁ Mostly sunny 74/49	WED ☁ Partly sunny 68/60	WED ☁ Shower 65/51	WED ☁ Shower 60/44	WED ☁ Showers 71/49
AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Good	AQI Moderate	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good

☁ Cloudy ☁ Fog ☁ Ice ☁ Rain ☁ Snowflurries ☁ Snow ☁ Windy ☁ Drizzle ☁ Haze ☁ Partly cloudy ☁ Sunny ☁ Showers ☁ Thunderstorms

U.S. CITIES

	TODAY	TUE
Akron, Ohio	67/42t	58/40sh
Albany, N.Y.	56/49r	61/39ah
Albuquerque	72/47p	74/46s
Allentown, Pa.	62/52r	67/39pc
Amarillo, Texas	67/42pc	75/48s
Anaheim, Calif.	71/54pc	69/54pc
Anchorage, Alaska	41/33c	47/34s
Aspen, Colo.	49/26a	58/28pc
Atlanta City, N.J.	65/55r	62/50s
Austin, Texas	73/53c	78/64pc
Bakersfield, Calif.	88/58s	83/56pc
Baton Rouge, La.	78/56c	79/59c
Billings, Mont.	62/40s	66/41s
Birmingham, Ala.	73/48pc	73/53s
Bismarck, N.D.	55/23w	54/20c
Boise, Idaho	73/45s	77/48s
Buffalo, N.Y.	69/40sh	53/38sh
Burlington, Vt.	53/47r	57/39sh
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	56/32w	58/30w
Charleston, S.C.	81/60t	78/55s
Charleston, W.Va.	71/45t	65/46sh
Cheyenne, Wyo.	48/28c	58/31s

	TODAY	TUE
Cincinnati	64/42t	63/42s
Cleveland	64/43t	59/41sh
Colorado Springs	52/33sh	63/35pc
Columbia, S.C.	82/57t	76/54s
Columbus, Ohio	66/42t	61/40w
Corpus Christi, Texas	76/66t	79/72c
Dayton, Ohio	64/42t	60/40w
Daytona Beach, Fla.	83/66t	82/65pc
Des Moines, Iowa	61/37w	62/37s
Duluth, Minn.	45/30w	40/26sn
Durham, N.C.	78/51t	72/46s
El Paso, Texas	82/57s	83/57s
Fairbanks, Alaska	49/26c	50/27pc
Flagstaff, Ariz.	64/32s	61/28s
Fargo, N.D.	49/30sh	50/24pc
Fort Myers, Fla.	87/72t	84/71t
Fort Smith, Ark.	69/46s	70/51pc
Fort Wayne, Ind.	62/38t	58/36w
Fresno, Calif.	88/58s	83/54pc
Grand Rapids, Mich.	55/36sh	49/33w
Green Bay, Wis.	50/36w	49/31sh
Greensboro, N.C.	77/51t	71/47s
Greenville, S.C.	76/50t	73/49s
Harrisburg, Pa.	73/49r	66/42pc

	TODAY	TUE
Hartford, Conn.	56/51r	66/42sh
Indianapolis	59/40sh	62/40w
Islip, N.Y.	57/51r	66/45pc
Jackson, Miss.	73/49pc	75/53s
Jacksonville, Fla.	85/64t	81/58pc
Jefferson City, Mo.	61/39s	66/44pc
Kansas City, Mo.	60/38s	66/42pc
Key West, Fla.	86/77t	86/77r
Knoxville, Tenn.	70/47t	68/47s
Laredo, Texas	74/64t	80/71t
Lexington, Ky.	65/43sh	65/45s
Lincoln, Neb.	61/33w	66/35pc
Little Rock, Ark.	71/47s	74/54pc
Long Beach, Calif.	69/57pc	68/57pc
Louisville, Ky.	65/46sh	69/49s
Lubbock, Texas	73/46s	79/52s
Madison, Wis.	54/35w	52/30w
Manchester, N.H.	50/48r	65/42sh
Memphis, Tenn.	70/47pc	73/52s
Milwaukee	51/36w	50/33w
Mobile, Ala.	82/57c	79/57pc
Modesto, Calif.	86/54s	81/51pc
Montgomery, Ala.	80/52pc	77/53s
Myrtle Beach, S.C.	79/62t	75/59s

	TODAY	TUE
Nags Head, N.C.	77/59t	70/56s
Nashville, Tenn.	67/44sh	70/50s
Newark, N.J.	59/55r	70/48pc
New Haven, Conn.	52/50r	64/43pc
Norfolk, Va.	83/59t	72/52s
Oakland, Calif.	65/52pc	63/51pc
Oklahoma City	67/47pc	68/53pc
Omaha, Neb.	61/34w	63/35s
Palm Springs, Calif.	91/61s	85/60s
Pensacola, Fla.	80/61pc	77/62pc
Pierre, S.D.	57/27w	58/27s
Pittsburgh	70/44t	59/42sh
Portland, Maine	49/44r	62/40r
Portland, Ore.	79/50s	68/44pc
Providence, R.I.	55/50r	68/44sh
Raleigh, N.C.	80/55t	72/49s
Rapid City, S.D.	54/28pc	62/30s
Reno, Nev.	79/47s	74/45pc
Richmond, Va.	84/56t	73/48s
Rochester, N.Y.	67/44sh	77/62pc
Sacramento, Calif.	83/51s	75/48pc
San Antonio	73/59c	76/68pc
San Jose, Calif.	74/51pc	68/51pc
Santa Fe, N.M.	68/35pc	71/37s

	TODAY	TUE
Sarasota, Fla.	84/68t	81/67pc
Savannah, Ga.	83/61t	80/55pc
Scottsdale, Ariz.	88/60s	87/58s
Shreveport, La.	74/49pc	78/57s
Sioux Falls, S.D.	57/29w	59/26s
South Bend, Ind.	58/38sh	57/35w
Spokane, Wash.	71/46s	74/48s
Springfield, Mo.	61/40w	65/49pc
Springfield, Ill.	62/40w	65/39s
St. Louis	65/45w	68/47pc
St. Petersburg, Fla.	83/70t	84/69pc
Syracuse, N.Y.	62/46r	59/40sh
Tallahassee, Fla.	82/63pc	82/58pc
Tampa, Fla.	83/73t	84/71pc
Toledo, Ohio	64/37t	57/35w
Topeka, Kan.	62/38s	68/43pc
Tucson, Ariz.	88/54s	86/53s
Tupelo, Miss.	69/46pc	73/51s
Tulsa, Okla.	66/48s	67/52pc
Virginia Beach, Va.	81/58t	72/53s
Wichita, Kan.	65/40s	69/48pc
Wilmington, Del.	74/54r	70/46s
Winston-Salem, N.C.	75/51t	70/46s
Worcester, Mass.	51/50r	63/44sh

WORLD CITIES

	TODAY	TUE
Beijing	74/51s	83/53w
Buenos Aires	74/51s	70/52pc
Cancun, Mexico	89/76pc	89/76s
Dubai, UAE	89/74s	90/73s
Frankfurt	66/42s	70/41s
Hong Kong	84/69t	75/70c
Istanbul	57/49pc	52/43sh
Jerusalem	77/55s	70/49s
Johannesburg	70/51s	73/53pc
London	64/41s	65/43s
Mexico City	80/54pc	81/52pc
Montreal	50/47r	56/40r
Moscow	39/31sn	45/30c
Mumbai, India	95/84h	95/84h
Paris	69/46s	70/48s
Rio de Janeiro	86/77pc	87/76pc
Rome	65/47s	66/48s
Seoul	63/40s	65/42s
Singapore	91/79t	89/79t
Sydney	65/59r	66/60r
Toronto	61/41r	55/33sh
Tokyo	68/61r	63/52r

OPINION

TODAY'S DEBATE DEALING WITH DROUGHT

Our view

In parched California, the water wars boil over

Rain fell in drought-stricken California around the Easter holiday, but it was a classic case of too little, too late. Another warm, dry winter left the state with a record-low 5% of its average mountain snowpack, a vital source of stored water. That prompted Gov. Jerry Brown to order a 25% reduction in municipal water use, the first mandatory restrictions in state history.

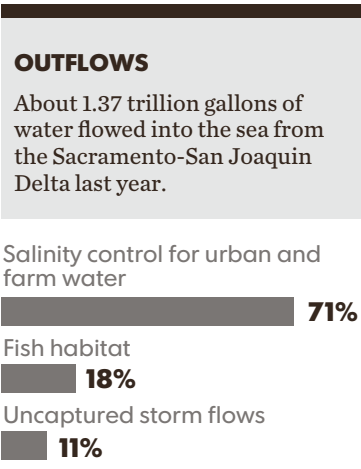
For Californians, the restrictions will mean shorter showers, dirtier cars and browner lawns. If the drought persists and grass gives way to desert landscaping, the semi-arid southern part of the state will start to look more like Nevada and Arizona.

For Americans living outside the Golden State, the consequences of the drought are substantial.

California produces nearly half of the nation's fruits, vegetables and nuts. Although farms are largely spared from Brown's order, continued severe drought could trigger higher food prices and crop shortages.

More broadly, the drought is a harbinger of the type of climate disruption made more likely by a warming globe.

California has always been subject to periodic droughts, but the latest one has been exacerbated by record-high temperatures that increase evaporation and cause more winter precipitation



to fall as rain instead of snow. Heading into the dry season, two-thirds of the state remains in extreme drought.

Considering that no one knows whether this is the start of a dreaded decades-long megadrought, the prudent approach is to prepare for the worst. So Brown's conservation orders make sense.

Of course, when any valuable resource grows scarce, conflict arises. Even in wetter times, California is known for water wars among urban dwellers, suburbanites, farmers, fishermen and environmentalists. Severe drought can cause tensions to boil over, making it important to explore

ways to increase the supply of water, not just ways to curb demand.

In an average year, according to the non-partisan Public Policy Institute of California, agriculture uses about 40% of the state's water, towns and cities use 10%, and the other 50% is left in the environment.

Most of this "environmental" water is too remote for people to use, flowing through "wild and scenic" north coast rivers. But about 16% of the environmental water is outflow to the sea from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, mostly to maintain the right balance of salinity but also to protect species of fish, including salmon and the endangered 3-inch delta smelt.

Last year, delta outflows for fish habitat totaled 244.4 billion gallons, or enough water for about 6.7 million people's annual needs. An additional 146.6 billion gallons, or enough for 4 million people, could have been exported, but the delta pumps lacked capacity to capture storm flows.

A good way to improve supply would be to further reduce environmental diversions and to increase pump capacity. Moving more water south to parched farms and communities would help save jobs, protect food supplies and preserve groundwater. Times like these require shared sacrifice, and some smelt might have to make the ultimate one.

Opposing view

Don't harm fish to help Big Ag

John McManus

California is in its fourth year of a record drought, possibly the worst drought in a millennium. It's compounded by the fact that for far too long, California has been depleting its water supply faster than nature can replenish it.

With today's epic drought conditions, our system of too little supply and too much demand is finally catching up with us, leading to low water supplies for farms and cities, and drying up rivers and streams. And as climate change becomes the "new normal," our water woes will only get worse.

Instead of adopting long-term fixes, some are calling for false solutions, such as siphoning off limited flows in critical waterways to serve a handful of corporate interests. But fish protections are not the cause of low water supplies.

The Interior Department testified that zero reductions in water supply were made for delta smelt in the 2014 water year, and protections for endangered salmon and steelhead amounted to 2% of the reduction in water supply in water year 2014, with 98% due to drought. Cutting back more jeopardizes the thousands of

fishing jobs that depend on these waters and the fish within them.

We've already experienced the severe harm of this approach. In 2008 and 2009, the salmon fishery closed — for the first time in the state's recorded history — costing thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars. Now, with the drought, 95% of the winter run Chinook salmon were killed last year below Shasta Dam; other native fish in the delta are on the brink of extinction.

Loosening critical environmental protections for these waterways in order to redirect those resources elsewhere will only further harm fish populations and the communities and jobs that depend on them.

The fact is, California agriculture accounts for 80% of all water withdrawn from state rivers, streams and aquifers for human use. The only way to truly support that industry's water needs is to invest in long-term sustainable solutions that can ensure clean, healthy water supplies now and for generations to come.

Otherwise, we're just left fighting over the last drop.

John McManus is executive director of the Golden Gate Salmon Association.

Andrew Koppelman
and Ilya Somin

GAY RIGHTS FOR LAW DUMMIES

Gender, not sexuality, matters in fight over bans on same-sex marriage



Jim Obergefell, front right, is plaintiff in a gay marriage case being heard at the Supreme Court this month.

As the Supreme Court considers the constitutionality of laws banning same-sex marriage later this month, few have noticed that the case can easily be resolved under existing precedent.

Laws banning gay marriage are unconstitutional because they discriminate on the basis of gender. If same-sex marriage is forbidden, Anne is allowed to marry Bob, but Charles can't. Charles is denied the right to marry Bob, solely because Charles is a man. Denial of a legal right solely because of gender is the very essence of sex discrimination.

Laws banning gay marriage discriminate on the basis of gender even more clearly than on the basis of sexual orientation. Anne is still allowed to marry Charles, even if one of them happens to be gay or lesbian. Bob is denied that right whether he is gay or not. The Supreme Court has long held that laws discriminating based on gender must be presumed unconstitutional and invalidated unless the government can prove that they can pass rigorous, heightened judicial scrutiny.

INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE

Some lower court decisions have ruled that laws banning gay marriage do not discriminate on the basis of sex because they affect members of both genders equally: Men are forbidden to marry other men, and women are forbidden to marry other women.

But this is exactly the same kind of reasoning that the Supreme Court rejected when it struck down laws banning miscegenation and interracial marriage. The defenders of those laws claimed that they did not discriminate on the basis of race because both blacks and whites were equally barred from marrying members of the other racial group.

Just as a law banning interracial marriage discriminates on the basis of race, so a law banning same-sex marriage discriminates on the basis of gender. It still denies rights to both men and women solely on account of their sex. The fact that Bob cannot marry Charles solely on account of gender is not somehow balanced by the fact that Anne is forbidden to marry Carol.

Other critics of the gender discrimination argument claim that laws banning gay marriage do not discriminate on the basis of sex because they are not motivated by sexist prejudice. But the Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that laws restricting individuals'

rights on the basis of their gender qualify as sex discrimination regardless of motivation. *Craig v. Boren*, the 1976 case in which the Supreme Court first ruled that gender discrimination is subject to heightened scrutiny, invalidated an Oklahoma law under which 18- to 20-year-old men, but not women of the same age, were forbidden to buy beer. The Oklahoma legislature was not rife with anti-male sexism.

GENDER STEREOTYPES

Many opponents of gay marriage rely in part on gender stereotypes. Some judges who have rejected same-sex marriage have claimed that opposite-sex marriage is essential to prevent men (but not women) from procreating irresponsibly and disclaiming responsibility for their children, or because children must have role models of the same sex, or that the presence of parents of both genders is essential to optimal child raising, even though social scientific evidence cuts against such claims.

The high court has ruled that

laws may not be based on "fixed notions concerning the roles and abilities of males and females."

Even in cases where such stereotypical notions have some statistical validity, the government may not engage in systematic gender discrimination on that basis — penalizing all those who wish to enter into gay marriages based on the possible shortcomings of a minority.

The two of us have differing political views and approaches to constitutional interpretation. Even so, we are united on this case; people with widely differing views on other issues can recognize that laws banning same-sex marriage discriminate on the basis of gender, and therefore should be subject to the same constitutional rules as other laws that enforce sex discrimination.

Andrew Koppelman, a professor of law at Northwestern University, and Ilya Somin, a law professor at George Mason University, are co-authors of an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to invalidate laws banning same-sex marriage.

A nation of law abiders starts at the top

If presidents won't, why should we?

Glenn Harlan Reynolds

Some people are now encouraging President Obama to basically ignore the Supreme Court where its rulings might impede the implementation of Obamacare. A recent Rasmussen poll showed that 26% of likely voters say the president should be able to disregard federal court rulings "if they are standing in the way of actions he feels are important for the country."

Faced with a Supreme Court order to turn over the White House tapes, President Nixon complied and eventually resigned. But if Obama were to violate a high court decision, he wouldn't be the first president to do so. President Andrew Jackson, after all, ignored the justices' decision in favor of the Cherokee Nation and sent the Cherokees on the Trail of Tears.

The only remedy for presidential lawlessness, short of a coup or a civil war, is impeachment, and only two presidents, Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton, have ever been impeached. Neither was removed from office.

Of course, presidential lawlessness is a special case. Because the president controls not only the nation's law enforcement apparatus but also its military, it's pretty hard to call him to account. But what about the rest of us? If presidents can violate the law, why can't we?

It would be a bad thing for the country if Americans started to ask that question. There are different reasons for choosing to

obey or disobey the law. One reason is fear of consequences. The problem with consequences is that often, there aren't many. Yes, the government's law-enforcement powers are formidable, and if authorities decide to target you, they stand a good chance of convicting you.

Most of the time, authorities are busy elsewhere. If people follow the law only when they fear the consequences of getting caught, it follows that they will cheerfully break the law when they aren't afraid of suffering any consequences.

A society based purely on consequences is likely to be an ugly one. Laws will be broken, while the government will do its best to crack down on people because consequences are the only motivator. The end result is likely to be anarchy, tyranny or an ugly combination of both.

It's better if people follow the law because they want to. But the reasons have to go beyond avoiding punishment. First, they must generally approve of the law as fair. Second, they have to feel reasonably confident that most others will obey the law, too. Finally, they have to feel as if the people in charge also respect the law.

It's much better to live in a society in which the laws are just, and in which people follow them as much out of moral obligation as fear of consequences. But such a society requires a degree of self-discipline on the part of its members, and especially of its leaders. Does our political class possess these traits? If not, how long can we expect the rest of society to?

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MEDITERRANEAN DISASTER



A boat transporting migrants arrives Saturday in the port of Messina in Italy after a rescue operation at sea. Survivor accounts of the number aboard varied.

Migrants recount their desperate treks to Europe

Eric J. Lyman
Special for USA TODAY

LAMPEDUSA, ITALY The crossing from Africa to Europe in crowded boats plying through the Mediterranean is a harrowing experience that too often ends in death. Yet refugees who decide to make the journey often have no idea what lies ahead.

“They don’t tell you anything about the trip being so difficult,” Raage Hassan, a 19-year-old Somali said of agents who sell spots on makeshift vessels for the crossing. “Sometimes you hear things from people who made it. But the agents just tell you it will be fine. It’s not fine.”

The dangers were tragically highlighted Sunday when a boat crammed with migrants seeking refuge from war and poverty in Africa and the Middle East capsized off the Libyan coast, 130 miles from here. Hundreds of passengers may have drowned and could nearly double the death toll so far this year.

Hassan and other migrants who made the voyage talked about their frightening experiences on this tiny southern Italian island that is the most common arrival point for refugees landing in Europe. It is a favored destination because of its proximity to North Africa, where the trips begin.

Underestimating the tumultuous voyage makes it worse, said Hassan, whose journey took him from Somalia to Kenya, then to South Sudan, Sudan and finally Libya, before landing in Lampedusa. “There’s not a lot to eat and sometimes you don’t sleep. You have to sneak around. Then you get pushed onto a crowded boat.

“There is vomit. Kids cry. Everyone is scared. You have no idea how long it will be,” he said.

And there are the trips that end in death. The United Nations High Commission for Refugees says that over the last two years, the percentage of refugees who die making the crossing has more than doubled from around 2% to 5% of a rapidly growing number of refugees. About 60,000 made the crossing in 2013, increasing to at least 219,000 last year. Some estimates put the number this year at as many as half a million.

Hassan and other migrants said their long trips from home involved stops in three to six countries before landing in Europe.

All told, the journey can take one to three months, with expenses that add up to \$1,000 to

A TERRIFYING AND RISKY TRIP



A migrant holding a child receives first aid upon disembarking from a rescue ship Saturday in Messina’s port in Sicily, Italy.

No exact figures for those who make deadly trips

ROME Migrants seeking a better life in Europe have died by the thousands in the Mediterranean Sea in recent years.

A precise figure is unknown. Authorities count only those bodies found in the sea, on shore or aboard boats where migrants can die of thirst or exposure. Survivors often tell of passengers who died at sea, but the bodies are never found.

Here is a list of some of the deadliest migrant boat events, based on bodies recovered or survivor accounts:

- Christmas 1996:** 300 believed drowned in the waters between Malta and Sicily.
- June 20, 2003:** 50 corpses found, 160 migrants missing, 41 survivors in a shipwreck off Tunisia.
- May 12, 2008:** 50 dead off Sicily, including 47 who died after suffering from exposure.
- May 6, 2011:** Boat carrying more than 600 migrants is shipwrecked off Libyan coast. Hundreds reported missing.
- June 2, 2011:** At least 270 missing from boat with 700 aboard sinks off Tunisian coast.
- Oct. 3, 2013:** 366 people die, 155 survive after shipwreck off Lampedusa.
- Sept. 10, 2014:** About 500



Coffins are laid out at Italy’s Lampedusa airport Oct. 5, 2013, after a boat with migrants sank.

Syrians, Palestinians, Egyptians and Sudanese drown after their boat is rammed by another boat of human traffickers off Malta.

Sept. 14, 2014: Libyan navy reports 26 rescued from a boat carrying 250 migrants off Libyan coast. About 200 missing and presumed dead.

Feb. 8-9, 2015: At least 29 die and 300 people reported missing after four boats become waterlogged in the frigid sea after leaving Libya.

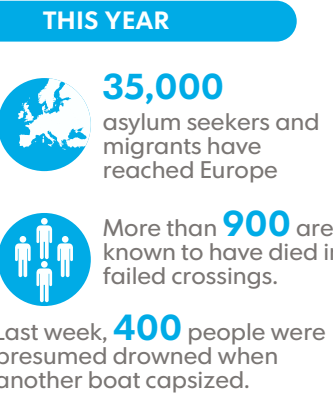
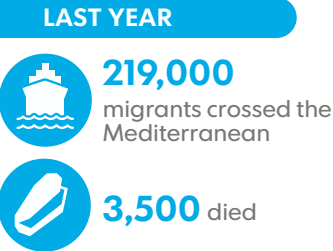
April 12, 2015: Nine confirmed dead after boat capsizes off Libya. Some of the 144 survivors said about 400 drowned.

April 15, 2015: Christian survivors said Muslim passengers threw 12 migrants overboard when fighting broke out.

The Associated Press

MIGRANTS SEEKING BETTER LIFE IN EUROPE

Tens of thousands of migrants are likely to flee chaos in Africa and the Middle East for Europe this spring as the weather gets better. The closest entry point is often the tiny Italian island of Lampedusa.



Source U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres; USA TODAY research



Source USA TODAY research

\$5,000. The higher number equals as much as a decade’s wages for an average worker in countries such as Somalia, Eritrea and Mali, where many were born.

“You don’t do this because you want to,” said Lasina Dumbia, 18, who arrived in Lampedusa from his native Mali. “You do it because you have no other choice. It is desperation. There is nothing if you stay behind.”

Families or villages often save up to send one or two migrants. If they arrive in Europe and manage to find a way to earn an income, they promise to send money back to help pay for the next round of departures.

In severe weather, rescue workers say, the biggest challenge facing those trying to save refugees who make the perilous journey is finding a distressed vessel, which is often obscured by high waves.

“You don’t do this because you want to. You do it because you have no other choice.”

Lasina Dumbia, 18, from Mali

“You can be a few hundred meters away and not even see them,” said Salvatore Caputo, 66, a volunteer rescue worker with the Knights of Malta organization. “Maybe you catch a momentary glimpse of the boat, but you can easily lose sight of it.”

Caputo was involved in a tragic rescue operation in February, where more than 100 migrants were plucked from the water after their ship capsized, but 29 of them were so weak they died from exhaustion and hypothermia before they could reach land.

Stefano Carnevali, 47, a member of the Knights of Malta who also joins in rescue operations, said many of the boats that refugees use would not be considered seaworthy by European standards. They don’t have navigation equipment, and the people steering are ill prepared, starting out weak from a lack of food and unsanitary conditions, he said.

Ahmed Ali, a 19-year-old from Somalia, said the trip is the first time many of the refugees had been on the open seas.

“When it gets bad, some people become so scared they pray to God to ask what they did to make him so angry,” Ali said. “When they arrive, they say they don’t want to see the water again.”



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New week, new worries for Wall Street

Greece, China and inflation add to angst

Adam Shell
USA TODAY

If you don’t like stock market volatility, the suddenly topsy-turvy market may give you pause. Fresh anxiety provoked by fresh troubles in debt-strapped Greece and new trading rules in China sparked a wave of selling on Wall Street on Friday, pushing the Dow Jones industrial average down 280 points to 17,826 and erasing its 2015 gains. As traders enter the new week, they will again wrestle with a trio of new

headwinds that could test their resolve. What’s behind the recent angst? USA TODAY got some answers from Brad McMillan, chief investment officer at Commonwealth Financial Network. Here are three things making investors nervous. **1. INFLATION AND THE FED** The consumer price index ticked up to 1.8% in March from a year ago, and rose 2% month-over-month for the third straight month. Inflation is getting closer to the Federal Reserve’s 2% annual mandate, which could mean Fed interest hikes are getting closer. “The market expects the Fed to

be looser for longer, but (Friday’s) inflation print calls that into question,” says McMillan. “Inflation signals really are starting to flash, and the market is getting more nervous about how long the Fed will put off rate increases.” Wall Street, which earlier last week had all but ruled out a June rate hike due to weak first-quarter economic growth, is now reconsidering a Fed rate “lift-off” in June. **2. WORLD NEWS FEARS** Greece’s tenuous financial position is putting a fresh scare into markets, as is China. “International (news) is a contributing factor,” says McMillan. “Greece is looking less and less

likely to stay in the eurozone.” And China’s first-quarter growth of 7%, its slowest pace since the financial crisis, is also a potential problem. Fears of a Greek default are back in play. And a decision by Chinese market regulators Friday to cool off stock investments financed by borrowed money sparked worries that less leverage in the hot Chinese stock market will cause prices to drop. **3. EARNINGS MISSES** The earnings season has started off better than expected, with 75% of companies in the S&P 500 topping forecasts. But there have been duds. American Express

profit results undershot expectations, for example, and its stock plunged 4.4% Friday, weighing down the Dow. This week 146 companies in the S&P 500 report earnings, including IBM, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Coca-Cola, Google and Amazon. “Earnings are coming in the usual way — some above, some below — which is providing volatility, but no sustained momentum either way,” says McMillan. But McMillan isn’t in panic mode. “After a couple of good days, a bad day. The market is uncertain, drifting up and down. ... It will continue to react to daily news — like the inflation figure.”

MONEYLINE SHANGHAI AUTO SHOW



GM 2016 CADILLAC CT6/ BLOOMBERG

Cadillac said Sunday it will add a plug-in hybrid drivetrain to the big CT6 sedan coming later this year, and expects the system to more than double the car’s fuel economy. The General Motors luxury brand said the car will be sold in a number of markets, including China and the U.S., but gave no timetable.



TAURUS SEDAN/ BLOOMBERG

Also, Ford unveiled a redesigned version of its Taurus sedan, once the quintessential American car, calling it a “new premium business sedan for China.” Taurus will be manufactured at new \$760 million Changan Ford Hangzhou plant, the automaker said. It’s not intended for the U.S., where the full-size car market is in decline.

CHINA CENTRAL BANK ACTS TO SPUR GROWTH

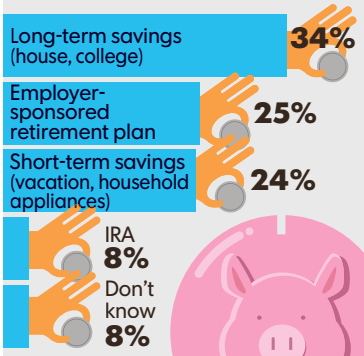
The People’s Bank of China on Sunday cut the amount of cash banks must hold as reserves, in a move to encourage lending and fight slowing growth. The central bank lowered the reserve requirement by 100 basis points to 18.5%, the second cut in two months and biggest since 2008. Economic growth is expected to slow to 7% this year, a 25-year low.

FRIDAY MARKETS

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Dow Jones industrials	17,826.30	▼ 279.47
Dow for the week		▼ 231.35
Nasdaq composite	4,931.81	▼ 75.98
S&P 500	2,081.18	▼ 23.81
T-bond, 30-year yield	2.52%	▼ 0.06
T-note, 10-year yield	1.87%	▼ 0.02
Gold, oz. Comex	\$1,202.90	▲ 4.90
Oil, light sweet crude	\$56.03	▼ 0.55
Euro (dollars per euro)	\$1.0794	▼ 0.0003
Yen per dollar	118.77	▼ 0.08

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The Panama Canal expansion will allow some of the biggest ships in the world to cut a quicker path to U.S. ports.

U.S. ports prepare for an ‘era of big ships’

Rick Jervis
USA TODAY

PANAMA CITY Giant backhoes claw into the ground, as helmeted workers position rebar atop of concrete pillars 100 feet tall. Cranes, trucks and teams of workers toil through a vast construction site here large enough to fit three Empire State Buildings, laying end to end. More than 2,000 miles north, workers at the Port of New York

and New Jersey are busy with their own colossal project: raising a bridge 64 feet, dredging the muck and mud of a harbor to deepen its waters and laying down new railroad lines. The two projects are unrelated but tightly intertwined: one aims to release massive 1,200-foot-long container ships, the other to receive them. The much-anticipated \$5.25 billion expansion of the Panama Canal — the historic 48-mile waterway that snakes a watery path

between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans in this Central American country — has been marred by delays and overspending. But its scheduled opening in April 2016 will allow some of the biggest ships in the world, able to carry up to 14,000 containers, to cut a quicker path to U.S. ports, particularly those on the Eastern Seaboard. The expansion project was a key topic of conversation at last week’s seventh Summit of the Americas, which drew leaders

from 35 countries in the hemisphere. President Obama visited the canal during his two-day visit here. The expansion was scheduled to be completed last year, in time for the canal’s 100th anniversary, but cost overruns and labor disputes delayed it. Meanwhile, U.S. ports are busy deepening harbors and building bigger terminals to draw the bigger ships. Across the USA, public ports and their private sector partners will spend more than \$46 billion in port-related im-

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In a Google world, Europe tries a coup

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The day after EU regulators charged Google with massive antitrust violations, *The New York Times* carried a front-page story that said the campaign against Google in Europe was being substantially financed by Microsoft. Putting aside the fact that this is at least partly true, it is, as well, the story being shopped by Google executives and PR staffers: It’s us against the bad people who want to pull us down. The *Times* offered a neat package of Google messaging. In addition to the Microsoft back story, a *Times* commentary argued that given the fast pace of innovation among tech companies, antitrust prosecution is a hopelessly Ludite approach to leveling the mar-

ket — technology itself creates a leveled playing field! Another maintained that although Europe is always trying to throw sand in the face of U.S. tech companies, it doesn’t matter, because they grow ever more powerful anyway. As it happens, a lesson that Google has clearly learned from Microsoft is that Europe can be a scary place for large technology companies. Google is now dominant and Microsoft a shadow of its former self, in part because it was waylaid by long-running European legal challenges. The other lesson that Google has clearly learned from Microsoft’s failures is that this is as much a PR battle as a legal one. Microsoft, wherever it went, was the nasty, unstoppable and lethal Goliath, gaining no sympathy in any quarter. Google, as nasty, unstoppable and lethal as Microsoft, understands the vast benefits of being, if only through the looking glass, the highest example of innovation and forward-thinking.

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U.S. ports prep for bigger ships

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provements through 2016, according to the American Association of Port Authorities.

“It’s the era of big ships,” said Richard Larrabee, director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which is overseeing a \$6 billion upgrade to its harbor, container terminals, rail lines and bridges to draw the large ships. The Panama Canal “opened up the notion that we could see ships twice the size we normally do once the canal was opened. That was the real impetus for us.”

Many of the U.S. projects are driven by a variety of factors, the canal expansion being just one of them, said Kurt Nagle, president of the port authorities association. But the Panama Canal Authority’s ambitious goal of keeping up with the trend of larger cargo ships has been a model for many U.S. ports, he said.

Ever since the SS Ancon became the first ship to transit the newly opened canal in 1914, the Panama Canal has been cloaked in history and dark myth. Cholera, malaria, dysentery and yellow fever claimed the lives of more than 22,000 workers who labored to dig the canal through the tropical jungles of the Isthmus of Panama. Taking 33 years to complete, the canal transformed global trade, greatly reducing travel time between the Atlantic and Pacific by allowing ships a shortcut rather than traveling around the tip of South America.

Creation of the Panama Canal “affected the lives of tens of thousands of people at every level of society and of virtually every race,” historian David McCullough wrote in his seminal account of the canal’s building, *The Path Between the Seas*. “Great reputations were made and destroyed. For numbers of men and women it was the adventure of a lifetime.”

Its expansion has similar scope and ambition. The mammoth new locks sit alongside the exist-



Luis Ferreira, a spokesman with the Panama Canal Authority, explains the \$5.25 billion canal expansion project.

PORT IMPROVEMENT PLANS
Some U.S. ports are undergoing massive improvement projects, due in part to the Panama Canal expansion and the prospect of bigger ships headed to U.S. waters. They include:

PORT OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY
Project: Deepening port channels to 50 feet, raising Bayonne Bridge by 64 feet, modernizing container terminals, installing dock rails.
Cost: \$6 billion
Est. completion date: 2016

PORTMIAMI
Project: New Super post-Panamax Gantry cranes, rail service linking port to mainland, deepening port’s main harbor by 10 feet.
Cost: \$1 billion
Est. completion date: July 2015

PORT OF MOBILE (ALA.)
Project: New container terminal, new roads and rail bridges, turning basin.
Cost: \$350 million
Est. completion date: Completed

PORT OF LONG BEACH
Project: 304-acre “mega-terminal,” 205-foot-tall bridge connecting port to mainland, roadway and rail improvements.
Cost: \$4.5 billion
Est. completion date: 2019

PORTS OF SEATTLE/TACOMA
Project: Terminal upgrades and pier rebuilding.
Cost: Around \$400 million
Est. completion date: 2018
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ing Panama Canal and will allow ships carrying up to 14,000 containers to pass. To build the original canal, workers excavated 7 billion feet of material and poured 113 million cubic feet of concrete, said Luis Ferreira, an engineer and spokesman with the Panama Canal Authority.

For the expansion project, workers have excavated 5.5 billion feet of material and poured 155 million cubic feet of concrete, he said.

“It’s like building a new canal,” Ferreira said during a recent visit to the construction site.

The trend of larger ships and pathways is not lost on Noel Hacegaba, chief commercial officer at the Port of Long Beach in California. Theoretically, the Panama Canal expansion poses a direct threat on his bustling port, if big ships choose to cut through the canal and head directly to eastern U.S. ports.

But Hacegaba and his port partners are betting they can still draw the big ships directly from the lucrative Asian routes, despite a recently resolved West Coast dockworkers strike that shooed away a lot of business.

Port officials there are building a 304-acre “mega-terminal” and 205-foot-tall bridge to accommodate bigger ships, he said. The \$4.5 billion package of projects should be completed by 2019.

“The pace at which these ships are growing is forcing all the ports to modernize and expand,” Hacegaba said.

“For us, it’s been a real game changer.”

Shoppers feed on Lilly Pulitzer

Online, in-store frenzy depletes Target collection

Mike Snider and Carly Mallenbaum
USA TODAY



“This was a perfect storm of high demand, stupidly low pricing and low merchandise quantities and greed by some people.”

Shopper Elaine Taylor

St. Louis Park, Minn., considered herself lucky to come out victorious in her hunt for Pulitzer goodies. When Rickert explored Target.com about 7 a.m. ET, all of the dresses she was interested in were sold out.

She then ventured to a nearby Target and everything there was sold out, too. But at a SuperTarget a bit farther away, she found “a beachy type of sundress.”

A manager told her that “by the time they opened the line was deeper than on Black Friday,” Rickert said. “‘Preppy Black Friday’ is what they called it.”

The hashtag #LillyforTarget continued to trend past noon ET. Among the comments was this one from Tom Fitzgerald and Lorenzo Marquez, hosts of Pop Style Opinionfest: “@TargetStyle needs to stop humiliating its costumers (sic) and plan these collaborations a little better.”

Author Jen Lancaster (*The Tao of Martha*) tweeted, “Everything gone in three minutes. Women waited in line w/hundreds of dollars, left with nothing. How is this good business?”

Shopper Elaine Taylor, 51, of College Station, Texas, agrees. “This was a perfect storm of high demand, stupidly low pricing and low merchandise quantities and greed by some people,” she said.

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Customer satisfaction with U.S. air carriers has risen, approaching a peak not seen in more than 20 years, according to a report released today. But airlines still trail virtually all other industries when it comes to making consumers happy.

The latest American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI), which measures how consumers feel about hundreds of companies within 43 industries, found that airlines scored 71 out of a possible 100.

That represented a 2.9% increase over last year, and comes close to the airline industry's record high score of 72 reached in 1994.

At a time when airlines have replaced stale movies with live TV and entertainment menus that offer dozens of options, passengers say they are pleased with those new choices, as well as the industry's improving record of punctuality and fewer mishandled bags.

"We're seeing some uptick in some of the metrics that relate to customer service," says ACSI director David VanAmburg. "The things that impact what's a critical element of the airline experience, the flight itself. Getting from here to there on time, without baggage being lost."

Still, among all industries looked at by the survey, only Internet service providers, subscription television companies and health insurance companies scored lower than airlines.

"Even though there is this small uptick this year ... satisfaction overall with airlines is still among the worst of industries we measure," VanAmburg says. "This is still an industry that consumers have a number of issues with relative to lots of other products and services we consume on a regular basis."

Melanie Hinton, spokeswoman for the trade group Airlines for America, says the industry has poured money into boosting its offerings and operations, and investment is expected to pass \$1.3

FLIERS FEELING BETTER, BUT ...

Airline industry overall among the worst for customer satisfaction



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TRAVEL BRANDS RANKED

Here's how major airlines and hotels fare in the American Consumer Satisfaction Index (on a scale of 1-100):

Airlines	No.
JetBlue	81
Southwest	78
Alaska	75
Delta	71
American	66
Allegiant	65
United	60
Frontier	58
Spirit	54

billion per month this year.

"U.S. airlines continue to do a great job for their customers despite many circumstances beyond their control, including historically severe weather," Hinton says.

"Air travel remains one of the best bargains for consumers and airlines continue to invest in what customers value most, new planes, in flight entertainment and other amenities," she says.

JetBlue got top marks for the fourth year in a row, with a score of 81, followed by Southwest, with a 78. Ultra-low-cost carrier Spirit ranked at the bottom with 54.

"JetBlue is much closer to Southwest in terms of offering a discount experience, but still one that has enough of a focus on the quality that customers expect and hope for," VanAmburg says.

"Spirit, on the other hand, is all about price, an ultra-discounted experience with basically no customer service unless you want to pay for it ... so customers feel like they're being nickeled and

dimed."

However, change is afoot at JetBlue, which has announced it will be introducing a checked-bag fee for some passengers for the first time. While a common practice in the industry, the new fee is a dramatic departure for JetBlue.

"They may be right (that) it may be something so ingrained now in us, that people who fly JetBlue will think it's not a big deal," he says, but it's also possible JetBlue's score "may drop next year if these things go into effect."

Among the major network carriers, Delta scored a 71, the same as last year, followed by American with a score of 66 and United which garnered a 60. Their scores were also the same as last year's.

American is going slow in melding systems and programs with its merger partner US Airways, which is likely helping the carrier to avoid some of the stumbling blocks that can come with such a complex integration, VanAmburg says. Meanwhile Unit-

JetBlue got top marks in customer satisfaction for the fourth year in a row, with a score of 81.

Hotels	No.
Marriott	80
Hilton	80
Hyatt	80
InterContinental	76
Starwood	76
La Quinta	76
Best Western	74
Choice	73
Wyndham	68
Motel 6	63
Source: ACSI	

First class is dying. Here's why all fliers should care

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ON TRAVEL EVERY MONDAY

If you fly in economy class like me, here's a meaningless fact: First class is dying.

Not all first class, of course. The latest lie-flat seats on coast-to-coast routes are amazing. And on trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific flights, the offerings by carriers like Emirates and Singapore Airlines are legendary.

But on domestic routes, the premium seats aren't what they used to be. There's less legroom, the amenities are disappearing and the service is lacking. It's economy class-ish circa 1970 on some planes.

Come to think of it, maybe that's not as meaningless as it sounds. Because if an airline can't get first class right, imagine what's in store for the bleacher seats.

"The days of first-class travel in the United States simply no longer exist like they used to," says Sheridan Becker, a guidebook writer who recalls the glory days of domestic air travel before airline deregulation in the late '70s. They used to include luxury amenity kits loaded with gear, over-the-top service even on short-haul flights, and plenty of personal space.

"Airlines have simply flown away from the good old days," she adds.

Airline insiders would argue that there are sound reasons for abandoning a true first-class experience. Chief among them: The economics don't make sense. But there's a customer service perspective on this industry-wide downgrade, too. Profit margins are not a customer concern, nor should they be. To customers, first class represents the best an airline can do.

HOW TO FIND REAL FIRST CLASS

► **Know what to look for.** For example, American Airlines operates two types of Airbus A321 aircraft – the A321B and T. The "T" stands for Transcontinental, and has a first-class experience that's a "massive leap forward for the carrier," says Kyle Stewart, a loyalty program expert. What a difference a single letter can make.

► **Cast a wide net.** Non-legacy airlines may offer a surprise first-class experience, even on shorter domestic flights. Virgin America and JetBlue can offer many aspects of a premium

experience, particularly when it comes to service, that other airlines can't approach.

► **Look for it in the right places.** True first class still exists on long international flights. Typically, the longer the flight, the better the first class. Let's just say passengers on their way to Singapore and Dubai are not complaining about first class. Glen Loveland, who works for a TV network in Beijing, doesn't even bother with premium air travel in the United States. "I won't pay for so-called 'first class' tickets on U.S. airlines," he adds. "It's just not worth it."

And from that point of view, what do the new second-class sections say about the rest of the company?

Bruce Tepper, a tourism consultant based in Sonora, Calif., is "amazed" by the decline in service and amenities in the recent past. He says the seats are less comfortable, notably the amount of legroom, which is barely more than economy-class sections used to have before deregulation. On a recent flight, the airline had unplugged its in-flight entertainment system in first class, because most passengers just bring their own tablets, a flight attendant explained.

As for the food and drinks, that may be the worst part. Gone are the palatable wines and the gourmet food.

"The meal is unappealing," Tepper says. "A tasteless hamburger or ... bland salad."

Part of the problem is that first class, which most reasonable travelers would call the section in the front of the plane with the big seats, is often not even called first class any more.

"The line between first class and business class is very much blurred," says Andrew Royce Bauer, a frequent flier from Secaucus, N.J. To find a true first-class experience, he has to do a lot of research. His own strict def-

inition of first class includes a car to the plane, a large seat, a beautiful lounge and great in-flight dining. Some of those amenities are only available on transcontinental routes, if they are at all.

But another part of the problem – from the customer's point of view – is the industry's relentless focus on efficiency, which indiscriminately strips away basic, unprofitable services.

"We all want the cheapest fare possible," says Heidi Lamar, a frequent business traveler from Scottsdale, Ariz. "So quality is usually laid on the altar of price."

Lamar also thinks loyalty programs have degraded the first-class experience. "Now that everyone with a travel perks credit card is eligible for upgrades and early boarding, the frequent traveler has a lot more competition for the good seats," she notes.

As a shameless supporter of generous one-class configurations where all passengers are treated well, it's tempting to dismiss these complaints as first-world whines. I can't do that. The death of domestic, short-haul first class is a bad omen. When an airline's flagship product starts to falter, all of us will suffer.

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ASK THE CAPTAIN



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A turboprop by manufacturer ATR is part of EuroLOT fleet.

Preflight checks for turbine, piston aircraft

John Cox

Special for USA TODAY

Question: Why don't jets do run-ups like piston aircraft?

— Charlie Thompson, Texas

Answer: Turbine engines (jets and turboprops) do not need the same kind of preflight checks as piston engines. The run-ups executed by pilots of piston-engine airplanes allow them to check the ignition system for the spark plugs, plus the propeller controls. Turbine engines do not have spark plugs and the propeller checks for turbo props are done during the taxi out.

Turbine engines have many advantages over piston engines; not needing to do a run-up is one of them.

Q: I've noticed that just before the takeoff run, the pilot raises the engine's thrust to around half power, and then a few seconds later to takeoff thrust just as the plane starts its run. Why is there a two-stage raising of engine thrust?

— Alan, United Kingdom

A: You are observant. Yes, modern jet engines are normally accelerated to an interim setting to allow any difference in acceleration times to be resolved at low thrust.

Engines have some difference in acceleration rate (the time to accelerate from idle to takeoff

ed's merger with Continental Airlines has been bumpier.

"They've had a culture there for some time that has had a problem with customer service," VanAmburg says of United, "but the Continental merger has not helped. They definitely have not handled that as smoothly, as deliberately, as American has been doing with the US Airways merger."

The airline industry overall may have scored higher this year if fliers had seen fares drop in the wake of tumbling fuel prices, VanAmburg says. Still, it might be difficult for airlines to make significant enough changes to make flying less stressful.

"It's just not a terribly comfortable experience, especially for a longer flight," he says. "The airlines can do certain things around the edges to make the experience more comfortable, and they have. ... (But) it's just not the greatest experience and hard to see how that would really be able to be changed in leaps and bounds."

Brett Snyder, founder of the website Crankyflier.com, says airlines have done a lot to improve their service, and should be given more credit.

"The airlines in general have really been investing in their product a lot lately," he says. "Even in coach you've seen upgraded meals, and in some cases, like with Delta, dramatically increased on-time performance compared to historical averages. ... If people are looking at this and saying I want first class for the price of coach, then you're never going to get that."

In another travel-related sector, hotels maintained their customer satisfaction score of 75. More luxurious properties, such as those operated by Hilton or Marriott, earned a score of 80, while consumers were more critical of less expensive chains.

"That's similar to other industries ... like automobiles," VanAmburg says, noting that brands like Lexus usually get scores that top their industry's average. "It's because you get what you pay for. ... Their expectations tend to be matched."

thrust). That difference can cause an undesirable yaw if one engine accelerates much more rapidly than the other.

The direct answer to your question is to prevent yawing caused by uneven acceleration of the engines.

Q: Just based on engine noise levels, I can tell that the power being delivered by the engines varies greatly during takeoff, cruise, descent and landing. What are the different power percentages that are being used during these flight stages?

— Steve Browne, Chicago

A: The difference in thrust output and engine rpm is not a linear relationship.

Takeoff and climb thrust are just few percentage different in rotational speed but significant in the thrust difference. Making this question more complex is that auto throttle systems keep the programmed speed by varying the thrust, so the cruise power setting is not a constant value.

Some jet engines measure their thrust output by the percentage of the rotation of the fan (the first and largest compressor in the engine). This percentage is around 94 for takeoff and 88 or so for climb.

John Cox is a retired airline captain with US Airways and runs his own aviation safety consulting company, Safety Operating Systems.

No sympathy for Greece as deadline gets closer

France: Eurozone will remain stable even if Greece defaults

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON Greece isn't winning much sympathy from its debt-racked European counterparts as the country draws closer to default for failing to make bail-out repayments.

"We are not sympathetic to Greece," French Finance Minister Michel Sapin said in an interview at the International Monetary Fund-World Bank spring meetings here.

"We are demanding because Greece must comply with the European (rules) that apply to all countries," Sapin said.

France itself has struggled to reduce a national debt that's nearly 100% of gross domestic product. The country is striving to cut its annual deficit to European Commission requirements by 2017 and has bristled at the agency's pleas to accelerate the belt-tightening at the expense of economic growth. France's economy grew just 0.4% last year.

Sapin said: "We are understanding because there has been a change in government (in Greece), and it is normal for there to be a change in policy."

He said he's open to Greek proposals to ease terms of its bailout that require it to slash spending and raise taxes, among other changes, even while its economy is reeling.

In Greece, "there have been decreases in wages and pensions and public budgets," Sapin said. "I understand that the Greek people would want out of this situation of austerity."

He added, "Greece must make proposals if (they) want to change or make modifications to its commitments and do so in a balanced way."

Greece is scrambling to meet a loan repayment due next month to its European creditors — the IMF, the European Central Bank



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French Finance Minister Michel Sapin, right, says Greece must repay its debt.

and the European commission — of nearly 1 billion euros (\$1.1 billion). Greece and its creditors are also at an impasse over easing the overhaul to unlock another 7.2 billion euros (\$7.6 billion) in bail-out money.

International markets dove Friday on the prospect of a Greek default and exit from the euro.

"Greece cannot go into default," Sapin said.

Italian Foreign Minister Pier Carlo Padoan said in an interview he's confident the current crisis will be resolved. "I understand that markets may be nervous," he said. "But I'm fully confident there will be an agreement."

He added that Italy and other eurozone countries could weather a Greek default because the financial system is stronger than it was several years ago. "Countries' finances are on a much stronger basis," he said.

Sapin said, "The economic financial and social consequences would be the most dire to the Greek people, not the eurozone. The eurozone has a built-in tool for stability to face situations such as this one, but for Greece it would be an economic and social catastrophe. And for the other European countries it would be a political failure."

IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said this week that the agency will not grant Greece a delay for the repayment.



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Air travel demand remains strong for this summer, industry observers note.

Travel stocks good bet for investors

With the dollar strong, vacation spending beckons

Charisse Jones
USA TODAY

Gas is cheap, the dollar is strong, and tax refunds are in the mail. As Americans make plans for summer getaways, they might consider whether it's wise to invest in travel-related stocks, such as airlines.

Those industries certainly may benefit if travel watchers are correct in their expectation that many Americans will use extra cash to splurge on a vacation.

"There is a good chance more people will travel this summer because of a stronger economy and lower gas prices," says Heather Hunter of AAA. "For those going to Europe, the dollar is about even with the euro now, which means vacation dollars will go much further, and as tax refunds come in, it is an excellent time to book a trip."

A Bankrate.com survey found only 3% of respondents planned to use their tax refund for a vacation or shopping spree. Still, Priceline.com promotes springtime vacation packages that cost less than the average giveback of roughly \$2,900 from Uncle Sam.

For instance, as of Thursday, a trip to Orlando from New York

from May 22 through 25, including round-trip airfare and a stay at a 3-star hotel, could be purchased for \$453 a person.

"We found it interesting that the average tax return this year could cover flight and hotel costs for a family of four to Orlando ... and still leave some funds for savings," says Brian Ek, Priceline.com's travel editor.

Sam Subramanian, editor and publisher of the AlphaProfit Sector Investors' Newsletter, said in an email that the airline industry could be a good bet for investors.

"Air carriers are enjoying a renaissance as epitomized recently by the addition of American Airlines to the S&P 500. Air travel demand remains strong."

He was less bullish on hotels, cruise lines and theme parks. "The Fed is looking to raise interest rates sometime in 2015," he said. "Higher interest rates and higher oil prices can pose headwinds for these groups."

Still, the financial performance of global cruise lines such as Norwegian and Royal Caribbean has been on the upswing. In a report to investors, Nomura equity analyst Harry Curtis wrote, "These business models are improving," based on such positive indicators as more free cash flow "and over 30% annual (earnings per share) growth through 2017."

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Regulator taking on Google not afraid of bold moves

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Margrethe Vestager, the European Union's competition commissioner, made headlines last week when she brought formal antitrust charges against Google.

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On why she filed a statement of objections against Google:

Google has a very dominant position in general search and the favorable treatment of its shopping comparison service is an abuse in terms of European competition law. It's my responsibility as enforcer, of course, when I see that to put it out there, and also in order for Google to be able to defend themselves.

On whether she filed the statement of objections to get

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On why she filed a statement of objections against Google:

Google has a very dominant position in general search and the favorable treatment of its shopping comparison service is an abuse in terms of European competition law. It's my responsibility as enforcer, of course, when I see that to put it out there, and also in order for Google to be able to defend themselves.

On whether she filed the statement of objections to get



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Margrethe Vestager speaks at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington, D.C., on Thursday.

a resolution in the long-running case:

The negotiation has been dragging on for years. So when I came into office, I found that it was important to reconsider how to handle the case because we kept getting complaints. Therefore, the first thing I did was to have my services update the file to have fresh data. These are fast-moving markets, and we need to have accurate data. The second thing we did was to meet with the formal complainants, and we met with Google. That led us to the belief that we should do a statement of objections where we could outline our preliminary views.

On whether there will be more statements of objections filed against Google:

This is too early to say. ... We will try to do something with our investigative tools within a reasonable time span.

On the timetable in the Google comparison shopping case:

Google has 10 weeks to respond and then has the possibility to call a hearing where you can come and state your case and the complainants can tell us how they see the world. ... These coming weeks are very important, of course. They are part of the due process to enable Google to state their point of view.

On why Europe is proceeding with an antitrust case when U.S. authorities did not:

There are a number of differ-

ences. The market definition is different and there will be some differences in competition law. ... We have very, very good and close cooperation with U.S. authorities, but we still have a responsibility to pursue cases within our own legal framework. So it does not influence us whether the Canadians or the South Africans or whatever authorities take a different point of view. We have a responsibility within Europe to try to enable consumers to get the best possible choice both of product but also of innovation.

On her biggest concerns for European consumers:

First of all, one should congratulate Google for being highly successful. It's an important and innovative company and they have great products.

As one of my daughters said to me: I don't think about Google as an American company instead of a European company, I just like the services they can give me. And I think that is very much to the point here.

We are dealing with a very successful company. We find the conduct in one area where it has a very dominant position in one market, which is general search, has led to favorable treatment not based on the merits in another related market, and therefore of course the risk is that the consumer will not see the innovations of competitors and there is a risk that consumers do not get the best choice. ... That's what we are here for, to promote consumer choice and innovation in the marketplace.

On criticism she has received, including from President Obama, for going after one of America's most successful companies:

One should be very much aware that it is not the case that we have a bias. If we had a bias, it would be a problem. As enforcers, we build our cases on facts, on evidence and on interpretation of facts because the European Union as well as the United States is built on the rule of law. Bias does not hold up in the courtroom. One of the things that is very important for me is that we share values when it comes to due process, to be factual and rigorous in the interpretation of facts.

On whether her trip to the United States right after filing the statement of objec-

tions against Google was coincidental:

I thought that it would be the best thing to make it public, to file our statement of objections and then come here to take questions and comments directly with my feet on the U.S. ground. It was obvious that this would raise questions and comments.

On her habit of knitting elephants in meetings:

I have been knitting elephants for quite some time. An elephant is a very nice friend to have. It's a patient and caring animal and they actually live in matriarchies, and I like the basic idea of that. They do not seem to bear a grudge and they remember everything very well. Knitwork fits nicely in my bag, I carry it with me on transportation or in a meeting when I am not leading the meeting myself. It's a nice thing to do.

On her favorite American television show:

By all means, it's a very good day for me when I able to watch *The Daily Show*. I am disappointed that Jon Stewart is retiring. He is great; his team is doing a great job. One of the things I admire is that he can make these interviews so warm and so full of humor, and it's never at the cost of the person he is interviewing. I think that it is a true art to be able to do that.

On being an avid user of Twitter (she has more than 97,000 followers):

I have this weakness of talking in long sentences and with lots of words. For me, it was a welcome challenge to be short and precise. I more or less fell in love with the medium. I use it quite a lot. I found it's a really good way to stay in touch with a lot of different areas.

My followers come from media, they are citizens and fellow politicians. They are from everywhere. It's also a nice place to show more than a professional face, to give a personal touch so that people can get a sense for who is this woman.

Google fight goes way deeper

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Europe, and anyone who would get in its way, is the past, and Google — and you don't want to miss this train — the obvious future.

Much of the world, including the world's media, once happily aligned against evil-empire Microsoft.

Google's bet now is that the world is a different place: the bias is actually for hegemonic tech companies instead of against them. Google is likely more dominant than Microsoft, both in the market and the lives of its users, but that may well be to its benefit.

In this, it rightly recognizes, as Microsoft never quite did, that the fight is far from strictly an antitrust battle, not a technical one anyway, but about the nature of technology itself. Do you want to limit it, and in some sense resist it, or do you want to trust it, give it free rein and, in some sense, revel in it? Google's growth, along with much of the technology industry, is, of course, based on exactly that lack of limitations. Doubt is not good for technology. Tech needs to be in front of the law and not restricted by it.

Skepticism about technology has always been the prevalent liberal position and the one that defeated Microsoft. But Google's hunch is that a new appreciation and tolerance for tech is now the progressive, right-thinking view.

Or it is among a growing and powerful new constituency of the progressive and right thinking.

Google's base of possible partisans is much larger than Microsoft's was in the 1990s, when tech was still a largely vertical business. The Google solar system now includes a vast range of businesses and activities in which dependence on Google is taken for granted and comfortable, and for which competition would be disagreeable and disruptive. Part of the European complaint focuses on Google's insistence that Android systems use Google apps, but the *Times*, in its coverage of the antitrust charges, baldly argued the benefits of product integration, pointing out how much more sophisticated we've come in our understanding of the benefits of integration since Microsoft's unpopular inclusion of its own browser, Explorer, in its systems.

Indeed, the *Times* itself, along with many media organizations, represents a strong example of a kind of lockstep Google universe — or, actually, the way Google's ubiquitous power has undermined its traditional opposition. Many of the Google practices singled out by the EU regulators adversely affect traditional media companies, including the way it "scrapes" sites, and the nature of the way it limits access to other advertising sellers and buyers. Various media companies in Europe, including News Corp., have filed complaints with the

antitrust commission.

And yet, the overwhelming U.S. editorial bias, of which the *Times* provided a vivid example last week, is, arguably, not just on the side of Google but for the idea that it is a tech-led world. Winners appreciate this, losers — including many of the media groups that employ people propounding this new view — don't.

In a broader sense, that's become the U.S. view as a whole, and part of the reason Europe has acted: Because there is no longer a business or political will in the U.S. to oppose Google or the tech industry. (U.S. regulators closed a case against Google involving similar charges to the European case two years ago.)

And in many ways, the European charges do feel like a last gasp of some aging sensibility and peculiar insistence on conventional norms, all quite discordant and downright annoying, in a transformed world, a Google world.

In that sense, as Google and its partisans believe, it is way too late to try to turn back the clock and just another example of not getting it that regulators (a word uttered with great scorn) might see Google's extraordinary hegemony, however greater than Microsoft's of 20 years ago, as somehow as dangerous as Microsoft's.

In another sense, this may be the last opportunity to govern what so far has proved quite ungovernable.

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Declutter and lighten your loads

If the clutter in your home or office is stressing you out or costing you money, then it's time for some spring cleaning.

Nanci Hellmich
USA TODAY

So says Peter Walsh, a professional organizer, who has offered advice to thousands of people on how to tame their messy, disorganized spaces.

"I believe strongly that unless you have a vision for your home or office, you'll always have trouble getting organized," he says. Over the years, Walsh has noticed that when people slim down their homes or offices, they often slim down themselves, too. He explains why and how in his new book, *Lose the Clutter, Lose the Weight*. USA TODAY talked with Walsh about taming the clutter.

Q How can clutter cost you money?

A: In numerous ways. When you end up buying something that you know you already own but simply can't find. When you end up paying late fees or your credit score diminishes simply because you misplaced the mail and lost the bill in your house somewhere. When you buy food items that you don't use prior to their expiration date because they were jammed in the back of the cabinet. All of these are costly.

Q What advice do you have for organizing paperwork and electronic files?

A: When it comes to bills, I believe the simplest solution is the best. My super low-tech go-to piece of equipment is a monthly accordion folder. After you've paid the current month's regular bills, like utilities or credit card statements, throw all of those bills into the folder. Do that every month.

For electronic organization, I believe people sometimes spend too much time trying to organize what's on their computer. Digital storage is cheap, and searching for anything online or on your own computer literally takes fractions of seconds these days. Spending lots of time trying to

figure out which folder a certain document or picture needs to go into ultimately ends up being unproductive.

Q In the book, you say that in six weeks you can turn an unmanageable maze of a home into a well-organized refuge while you're melting away stubborn pounds. How do you do that?

A: I've been working as a professional organizer on television for the past 13 years now, and I've helped literally thousands of families declutter and organize their homes. One of the amazing things I began to notice was that families would get in touch with me months after we had finished working on their spaces to tell me they had lost weight. Their moods had lightened. I ran a test panel of 25 people through the six-week program and found great results. The average weight loss was 10 pounds, and the amount of stuff that left their homes was close to 40%. And, every single person in the program lost weight. What we found is that for these people getting on top of the clutter in their homes helped them get on

AFTER: Ahh, a Zen moment.



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top of other issues going on in their lives as well. The six-week plan can easily be cycled through as often as needed to achieve the results you desire.

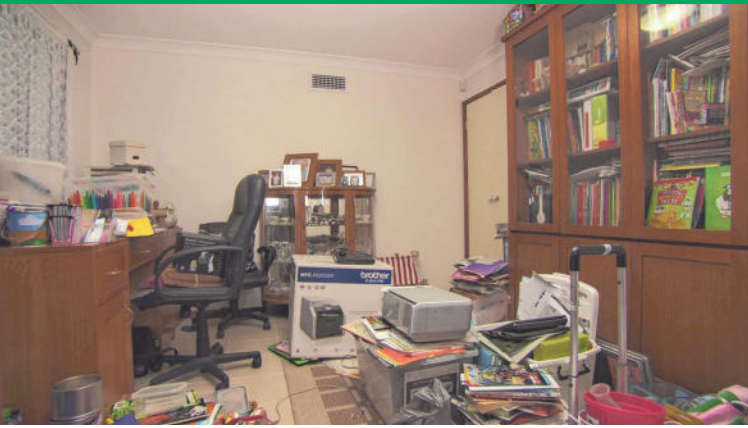
One of the problems that keeps people from getting organized is that they don't know where or how to start. To address that, the book lays out a very easy-to-accomplish set of tasks for you to do each week of the six-week program. The tasks are broken down into four components consisting of a decluttering plan, an exercise, plan, a nutrition plan and a mindfulness program.

Q How does decluttering help with weight loss?

A: When you declutter and organize a space, it brings a sense of calm to you. When your kitchen or dining room are cluttered and disorganized, it's much harder to eat healthfully. When your kitchen is organized and the healthy foods are organized near the front of the refrigerator or pantry, you're far more likely to eat foods that are better for you.

And, when you're organized, you give yourself the ability to plan ahead. When you know you've got a healthy meal waiting for you at home, you're far more likely to eat that than run to the drive-thru at the local fast-food place.

BEFORE: A mess filled with stress.



WHICH TYPE OF MESSY MARVIN ARE YOU?

Peter Walsh divides clutter into four broad categories:

- **LAZY CLUTTER** is the stuff like the mail or the laundry that just seems to pile up because you haven't thought it was important enough to deal with at that moment.
- **MEMORY CLUTTER** are the things "we hold onto that remind us of an important person or event from our past. Of course, some things are absolutely wonderful to hold onto in this category. The problem only occurs when the amount of memory clutter overwhelms your life today."
- **MALIGNANT CLUTTER** is a subset of memory clutter. This stuff reminds you of a

particularly painful time in your life. It may represent a failed relationship or career; it may be medical equipment that for some reason you're still holding onto from a past procedure. "I call it malignant because I believe it has such a strong toxic hold on people and should have no place in your home."

► **'I MIGHT NEED IT ONE DAY' CLUTTER** is the stuff "we hold onto just in case. Pass this stuff on to someone who could use it more than you can. You'll feel good about doing something good for others; and you'll feel good about the newly opened-up space in your home."

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Another chance

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Reaching dreams

Linebacker Bud Dupree soon will realize two life goals: becoming an NFL draft pick and a college graduate, 8C

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FIRST WORD
TODAY HAS BEEN A BIG EYE OPENER."
Serena Williams, after coming back from a set down to post a windy, error-filled 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 win against Sara Errani on Sunday in a Fed Cup match against Italy. The Italians won the match and handed Williams her first Fed Cup loss in a doubles match.



WILLIAMS BY FELICE CALABRO, AP

TWEET OF THE DAY
@whatwouldDOOdo
DON'T POINT AT YOUR HEAD AFTER YOU THROW AT SOMEONE THAT'S HOT GARBAGE
Athletics pitcher Sean Doolittle, about Royals pitcher Kelvin Herrera throwing behind the head of A's teammate Brett Lawrie.



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SECOND TWEET OF THE DAY
@GregAbbott_TX
CONGRATS TO @TimTebow FOR JOINING THE @Eagles. MAY HE SOAR WITH HIS NEW TEAM--EXCEPT WHEN HE PLAYS THE @dallascowboys #NFL
Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, after word broke that Tebow would sign with the Eagles, an NFC East rival of the Cowboys.



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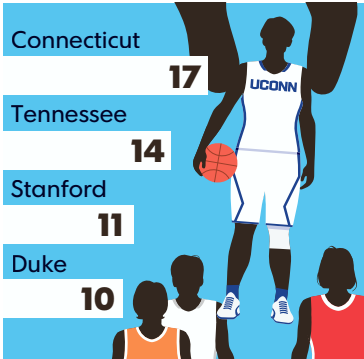
LAST WORD
"HE IS THE HARDEST PUNCHER I HAVE EVER FOUGHT, BUT I FIGHT AS HARD AS I CAN TO THE VERY END. I NEVER WANT THE FIGHT STOPPED. THE ONLY TIME WOULD BE WHEN I AM ON MY BACK."
A bloodied Ruslan Provodnikov, after his brutal majority decision loss to Lucas Matthyse in a 12-round light welterweight fight Saturday. The blood came from a gash over Provodnikov's left eye in the second round.

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Anthony Davis and the Pelicans will try to bounce back today after losing their playoff opener.

PELICANS' DAVIS HAS LOFTY NBA DREAMS

Big man makes playoff splash, looks to future

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SAN FRANCISCO Bill Russell wasn't walking through those University of San Francisco doors. The NBA legend who spent his formative years winning back-to-back national titles on this campus in the mid-1950s has a long-standing beef with his alma mater, but the signs of his pro-

- ▶ **Who will be top pick? 4C**
- ▶ **Cavaliers leap to lead, 5C**

found impact remain everywhere. The bronze plaque in his honor near the front doors of War Memorial Gymnasium. The framed issue of *Sports Illustrated* that has Russell and Kevin Garnett on the cover and hangs in the basketball office. The pictures in the hallway leading to the Bill Russell Room on the left wing. But when young Anthony Davis walked through those doors with his New Orleans Pelicans teammates en route to his first playoff practice, it was enough to make you wonder about the legacy that he'll eventually leave. Like Russell, who received one college scholarship offer coming out of

nearby McClymonds High School in Oakland, Chicago-born-and-bred Davis was a gangly big man whose late growth spurt spawned his transcendent two-way talents. Like Russell, Davis is considered special not only because of his size and skills but also because of the team-first mentality and basketball IQ that seem to be in such short supply in today's AAU culture. "I'm more focused on Golden State, what they're trying to do to stop us and what we're trying to do to stop them," Davis told USA TODAY Sports. "But you do think about Bill Russell and what he did here, what he did for the league. He led the way for guys like us

▶ **STORY CONTINUES ON 4C**

Bit actor played leading role in fight

Without Salvador, Mayweather not facing Pacquiao

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LOS ANGELES While few could dispute that boxing's seminal contest between its brightest stars, Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao, belongs nowhere other than amid the shimmering madness of the Las Vegas Strip, the tale of how the long-awaited bout came together has roots entrenched in Tinseltown. When Mayweather and Pac-

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quiao go head-to-head at MGM Grand on May 2, it will be because of a conversation that took place in Hollywood, involving a

guy trying to make it in Hollywood, in a tale fit for Hollywood. Gabriel Salvador is an actor good enough to have recurring roles on Fox's *Bones* and CBS' *Blue Bloods* but who still waits tables at Los Angeles hot spot Craig's, thanks to the acting profession's top-heavy pay scale and infrequent opportunities. "I was the right person in the right place at the right time," Salvador told USA TODAY Sports. "I'm a big dreamer, and this was the kind of fight that needed someone to dream big." Salvador's shifts at Craig's gave him the opportunity to strike up a rapport with CBS President Les Moonves, a regular customer at

▶ **STORY CONTINUES ON 2C**



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Gabriel Salvador plans to be there May 2 in Las Vegas.

dropping their record to 4-10, matching their worst after 14 games in the San Francisco era. Now here come the division-leading Los Angeles Dodgers (9-3), with every intention of extending their rivals' early-season misery and shoving them further into the National League West cellar. Before that series begins Tuesday, the Giants will get their first day off after 14 games, and it might be marred by thoughts of the eight-game losing streak they broke Saturday or the fact they've lost nine of their last 10. "The last thing you want to do is get too far back here early until we get our mojo or whatever going," manager Bruce Bochy said. "It's early, but at the same time I think we all know it's time we pick things up, especially here at home. This has been a tough homestand." Coming into Sunday, the Giants led the majors in runners stranded with 103, and they promptly added to the total by

▶ **STORY CONTINUES ON 5C**

BOXING

Actor helped set up Mayweather-Pacquiao

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the establishment. Moonves also happens to be the man responsible for signing off on the vast checks the company's cable outlet, Showtime, has spent on big-time boxing — most notably its lucrative multiyear deal with Mayweather, who is 47-0 (26 KOs) heading into the clash.

Salvador also is a friend of Freddie Roach, longtime trainer of Pacquiao (57-5-2, 38 KOs), and said that while chatting up Moonves he developed an unshakable feeling those two men could cut through the politicking and power struggles that appeared to have doomed boxing's dream matchup.

"I am always looking to put people together," Salvador said, "and I knew Mr. Moonves and Freddie Roach were the kind of people who could find common ground — and see common sense."

Finally, midway through last year, Moonves agreed to meet with Roach. The trainer then effectively brokered peace between Moonves and Pacquiao's promoter, Bob Arum, who were not on speaking terms after a previous Pacquiao deal soured.

Moonves brought Mayweather's adviser, Al Haymon, into the discussions, and suddenly the biggest obstacles were cleared.

Rumors started swirling anew about Mayweather-Pacquiao in the buildup to the Filipino star's lopsided victory against Chris Algieri in Macau in November. More meetings in the early part of this year honed the finer points of the agreement before the event was announced in February.

The result is what is being billed by many as the latest Fight of the Century. Mayweather is primed to make about \$180 mil-



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From left, promoter Bob Arum, boxer Manny Pacquiao and trainer Freddie Roach appear March 11 to discuss the big fight.

lion, with Pacquiao also likely to get into nine-figures territory.

Although Moonves, Roach and Arum were central figures to getting the deal done, it might have never started if not for Salvador.

"Every story has to start somewhere," Arum said. "And in the end you can say that you can pinpoint it back to a waiter in a restaurant."

"It really is an incredible story. As much as the public was clamoring for this fight, as much as Manny wanted it, all the money at stake, some of the most powerful people in boxing, everything else, there was still a missing bridge. Once that was fixed, ev-

erything could move forward. Sometimes it just happens that way in business. This time the key introduction was from a person who was not in the boxing business but knew the right people."

Moonves is happy to allow others to talk up his personal role, preferring to simply voice his satisfaction that the match was ultimately made and confirming that Salvador — "a great guy" — came to him directly with the idea for an introduction to Roach.

Moonves is one of television's heaviest hitters, his importance to the CBS/Showtime brand so entrenched that his \$57.2 million

salary from last year actually represented a dip in reimbursement from the previous period.

Arum has been one of boxing's most important figures for decades, while Haymon, a former music mogul, is also über-wealthy. The fighters themselves don't get out of bed unless there are millions at stake.

"Despite all that, I can say that this fight wouldn't have happened without me," Salvador said. "It is not something I say in an arrogant way, but it gives me a lot of pride to be part of something historic and to think that I set things in motion."

Salvador says he plans to be in

Las Vegas for the fight, having received one of the precious tickets as thanks for his involvement. Ringside seats are a tough find for this bout, even for A-listers such as those Salvador lines up alongside on television.

"I'm going to be there, and I don't think there is anything in the world that could keep me away," Salvador said. "I can't wait for it, and I know that when fight time comes around I will be both proud and excited. Being there in the arena will feel like the natural way to end the journey."

"The fight has become a special thing in my life. I feel connected to it because of the part I played."

Fight fans, prepare to pony up for the big bout

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The May 2 welterweight championship unification bout between undefeated Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao will be the most lucrative fight of all time, with revenue estimated to be \$400 million or more, well over the record of \$150 million.

Here are five things you need to know about the fight.

1. Tickets: If you're looking for tickets to the biggest fight of this century, well, good luck. Initial ticket prices were announced at \$7,500 for ringside seats, with nosebleeds at \$1,500.

But where do you find them? There are none available on StubHub, which says it will not list them until actual tickets are printed. And as of Sunday, less than two weeks before the fight, that had not happened. About

1,000 tickets are expected to be released to the public.

Pacquiao's promoter, Bob Arum, said he thinks only high rollers with \$250,000 lines of credit at MGM Grand will get ringside seats. On the secondary market, be prepared to pay a steep markup.

At MasterTicket.Center, prices range from \$6,099 per ticket for "cheap" seats to \$84,088 for ringside seats.

Even the weigh-in, traditionally free, will cost \$10 to see Mayweather and Pacquiao strip down to their underwear, step on the scale and scowl at each other — though organizers say all proceeds will go to charity.

2. Pay-per-view stars: The Mayweather-Pacquiao megafight is expected to break the record for pay-per-view buys with between 3 million and 4 million at \$89 to \$99 each. That would put Mayweather in five of the top 10 PPV fights all time, including the

top three. The record is 2.48 million for his fight against Oscar De La Hoya in 2007 and followed by 2.2 million for his fight with Canelo Alvarez in 2013. Mike Tyson holds four spots in the top 10. Pacquiao's name is missing from the top 10, though he has exceeded 1 million in PPV buys six times, the same as Mayweather.

3. Knockout power: While Mayweather and Pacquiao are ranked 1-2 on most pound-for-pound lists, they aren't in the ballpark for top knockout artists. Mayweather has knocked out 55% of his opponents and Pacquiao 59%.

Neither has registered a knockout since Mayweather's controversial fourth-round KO of Victor Ortiz on Sept. 17, 2011. Many called it a sucker punch as Mayweather floored Ortiz while Ortiz had his head turned while he was talking to referee Joe Cortez. Pacquiao's last knockout — besides the one when he was

knocked out by Juan Manuel Marquez in 2012 — came nearly six years ago, a 12th-round TKO against Miguel Cotto. That was the last of four consecutive knockouts for the Filipino superstar, the others being against De La Hoya, Ricky Hatton and David Diaz. Mayweather also KO'd Hatton in 2007. De La Hoya says neither fighter has real knockout power anymore, relying more on quickness, footwork and smarts.

4. Crossing divisional lines: Both fighters started small. Mayweather's first title was at super featherweight (130 pounds), and he has won titles all the way up to light middleweight (154). He holds welterweight and light middleweight belts. He also has won titles at lightweight and super lightweight.

Pacquiao has won titles at flyweight (112), super bantamweight (122), featherweight (126) super featherweight (130), lightweight (135), super lightweight

(140), welterweight (147) and junior middleweight (154). Pacquiao's eight titles is a record and two better than De La Hoya's total. The winner May 2 will be the lineal welterweight champ.

5. Favoring Floyd: Mayweather will receive a 60% revenue split, with Pacquiao getting 40%. Arum has said that on the Monday after the fight he'll hand Pacquiao a check for \$50 million — *guaranteed* — and that's just a down payment. Mayweather's initial check will be considerably bigger. Bottom line: Both will earn well over \$100 million.

Per the fight contract, Mayweather's name is mentioned first in the billing. He will walk to the ring second, be introduced second and have his choice of ring corner and locker room in the arena. And there will be no glove controversy, as Mayweather and Marcos Maidana had in their first fight. The glove type was settled in the contract.

IN BRIEF



LUCA BRUNO, AP
Lewis Hamilton has won three of four Formula One races this season.

DEFENDING CHAMPION HAMILTON WINS BAHRAIN
Defending champion **Lewis Hamilton** won the Bahrain Grand Prix from the pole position Sunday to strengthen his overall lead in the Formula One standings. It was his third win in four races this season and 36th of his career. Hamilton started from the pole for the first time in the desert race and was largely untroubled, finishing ahead of Ferrari's **Kimi Raikkonen** and his Mercedes teammate **Nico Rosberg**. Ferrari's **Sebastian Vettel**, the only driver to defeat Hamilton this year, looked set for a podium position until a late front wing change ended the four-time F1 champion's chance. He placed

fifth behind **Valtteri Bottas**. **Jenson Button**, last in qualifying Saturday, did not start because of a technical problem.

KEFLEZIGHI LOOKS TO DEFEND BOSTON TITLE
Two weeks before his 40th birthday, **Meb Keflezighi** is healthy and back to try to defend his title in today's Boston Marathon. He would be the first man to win back-to-back races since Kenya's **Robert Kipkoech Cheruiyot** won his third in a row in 2008. No American man has won consecutive Boston Marathons since **Bill Rodgers** finished first from 1978 to 1980. The women's field includes **Shalane Flanagan** and **Desiree Linden**, who could give the USA its first victory in the race since 1985. Other past Boston champions competing are Ethiopia's **Lelisa Desisa** (2013) and Kenyans **Wesley Korir** (2012), **Sharon Cherop** (2012) and **Caroline Kilel** (2011). Other men to watch: **Wilson Chebet** of Kenya, last year's runner-up, and top Americans **Dathan Ritzenhein** and **Matt Tegenkamp**.

► **Race offers city respite, 8C**

KORVER SCORES 21; HAWKS HOLD OFF NETS IN GAME 1
Kyle Korver scored 21 points, including five three-pointers, and the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks held off the visiting Brooklyn

Nets 99-92 in Game 1 of their NBA Eastern Conference playoff series Sunday. The Hawks led nearly the entire game and pushed the margin as big as 16 points, but the Nets kept coming back. Finally, **Jeff Teague** dropped in a floater coming off the left wing, giving Atlanta a 95-89 lead. **Joe Johnson** missed a three-pointer from the corner for Brooklyn, and Teague made two free throws with just under a minute remaining to seal the win. Teague and **DeMarre Carroll** scored 17 points apiece. Brooklyn finished 22 games behind the Hawks and slipped into the play-



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Meb Keflezighi will strive to win back-to-back Boston Marathons.

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offs on the final day of the regular season. Johnson and **Brook Lopez** each scored 17 points for the Nets, who lost the season series with the Hawks 4-0.

► **Cavaliers defeat Celtics, 5C**

TAVARES SCORES EARLY IN OT IN ISLES' WIN VS. CAPS
Captain **John Tavares** scored 15 seconds into overtime to lift the New York Islanders to a 2-1 home win in Game 3 of their first-round playoff series vs. the Washington Capitals on Sunday. **Kyle Okposo** also scored for the Islanders, who took a 2-1 series lead. The Islanders allowed the Capitals to tie the score on **Nicklas Backstrom**'s goal with 6:06 remaining in the third period. In overtime, **Nikolay Kulemin**'s initial shot was stopped by **Braden Holtby**, who then tried to direct the rebound into the right corner. The puck went directly to Tavares, who shoveled it in before Holtby

could cover the right post.

► **Jonathan Toews** has a goal and an assist and the host Chicago Blackhawks used a three-goal second period to defeat the Nashville Predators 4-2 for a 2-1 series lead. **Marian Hossa** had two assists and **Scott Darling** made 35 saves for Chicago.

REPORT: WHITE SOX CALLING UP TOP PITCHING PROSPECT
The Chicago White Sox are calling up pitching prospect **Carlos Rodon** from Class AAA Charlotte and will have him work out of the bullpen at least for now, The Associated Press reported Sunday. A corresponding transaction will be made before today's game against the Cleveland Indians. The No. 3 pick in last year's draft, Rodon was 1-0 with a 3.60 ERA in two starts for Charlotte.

Compiled by John Tkach from staff and wire reports



Scott Dixon, celebrating Sunday, said teammate Tony Kanaan blocking Helio Castroneves in the pits was a game-changer.

DIXON APPRECIATES ASSIST

Kanaan helps in breakthrough Long Beach win

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LONG BEACH Beers all around Sunday for Chip Ganassi Racing. First for Scott Dixon, who added a Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach victory to his long list of career accomplishments. Then another to Tony Kanaan for essentially blocking Dixon's closest competitor, Helio Castroneves, in the pits. Kanaan doesn't drink beer, but that's no concern for Dixon. "I'll drink it for him," he said. Dixon earned the 36th victory of his career to break a tie with Bobby Unser for fifth place in the sport's history. Next on the list is Al Unser Sr. with 39, then Mi-

chael Andretti with 42. As important is the fact Dixon has one Long Beach victory, two counting his Indy Lights win in 2000. "It doesn't count," he laughed in reference to the latter. "Nobody ever got excited about it." Kanaan's interference was inadvertent, his pit box in front of his fellow Brazilian's. Castroneves couldn't leave from his service until Kanaan crossed his path, and that excruciating split-second delay allowed Dixon to blow past on the track, as he had pitted the previous lap. Castroneves said he nearly hit Kanaan. "It was close," he said. "Really close." That sequence was on lap 29, but it changed the complexity of a predictable 80-lap race. Once in the lead, Dixon had the strength to hold off Castroneves. "Definitely a game-changer for us," Dixon said of Kanaan's move. "Obviously, he didn't do it on purpose. There's nothing (the sitting car) can do. If you go, you're going

to crash into him." Castroneves and Team Penske tried to spice up the lead battle with a quick second and final stop, but Dixon actually extended the lead by another second. The No. 9 car even went into fuel conservation mode in the waning laps and still won by 2.2 seconds. Castroneves settled for second for the 37th time in his career, tying Bobby Rahal for second place in that category. Mario Andretti did it 56 times. The rest of the field was more than 11 seconds behind Castroneves, but at least it was interesting back there. Juan Pablo Montoya took a couple of passing shots from fellow Penske driver Simon Pagenaud, but the Colombian held the Frenchman back. Kanaan finished a close fifth with Sebastien Bourdais sixth and Josef Newgarden seventh as

**DIXON VS. KANAAN:
BY THE NUMBERS**
How the teammates compare at sports.usatoday.com.

Chevrolet rolled after IndyCar-mandated changes to its front wings. Dixon had an average finish of 15.0 in eight previous IndyCar trips to this tight street circuit, with only a single top-10 finish (fourth in 2010). He had led only 25 laps; he tacked on 44 Sunday. "I finally got it right," he said. So did the Verizon IndyCar Series. After a smash-up in last month's season-opening race in St. Petersburg, Fla., and the embarrassing show last weekend in wet Avondale, La., this race was clean, dry, fast and pure. There was only one caution, an early slowdown when rookie Gabby Chaves broke his left front wing on Jack Hawksworth's right rear. Will Power was the big loser in that caution, picking the wrong lane coming to pit road on lap seven. When Luca Filippi stalled, he stalled behind him. Power fell a lap down and never got it back, finishing 20th among 23 cars.

Cavin writes for The Indianapolis Star.



Michael Phelps, finishing third in the 200-meter individual medley Saturday, said his weekend effort was a good starting point.

Phelps shows signs of old dominance

Swimmer's victory in 100 freestyle bodes well for '16

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MESA, ARIZ. Sometime after his turn at the 50-meter mark and his touch at the end of the men's 100 freestyle final Saturday, Michael Phelps flipped a switch and became Michael Phelps again. He was in last place at the 50 wall and in first place by the finish, overtaking a field in the final 50 meters that included Ryan Lochte and Conor Dwyer in the Arena Pro Swim Series event. It was vintage Phelps. And it's a very positive sign of what could be to come in the year and a half leading up to the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. "I don't know what it was, coming off the 50 wall," Phelps said. "As soon as I was underwater, I just started kicking, and it was like one of the kicks I just felt

something different that I hadn't felt before. I don't know if that was switching a gear into knowing how to race again or what, but it was something I hadn't felt before since I've been back in the water." The 100 freestyle final capped off a promising meet for Phelps, his first competition since the end of his six-month suspension handed down by USA Swimming after a drunken-driving arrest in late September. The 18-time Olympic gold medalist won his signature event, the 100 butterfly, Thursday (52.38) before a third-place finish in the 200 individual medley Saturday (2:00.01) and then the 100 freestyle comeback win (49.72). Phelps also swam the 400 freestyle in prelims but did not qualify for the championship final. "It's a good starting point," he said. "It doesn't really matter exactly where we are this given day. It just kind of really matters where we are a year from now." Though none of the times Phelps posted was among the top 20 in the world in those events, he and his longtime coach, Bob

Bowman, were pleased with his progress. Bowman said he was particularly happy with Phelps' 200 IM. In that race, he noticed a spark in his swimmer he hadn't yet seen in Mesa. Bowman wasn't surprised that, only a short while later, Phelps swam well enough to win the 100 freestyle. Swimming a double in itself seemed to be part of the rejuvenation process. "I think he just needed to have the switch flipped," Bowman said. "These times are very good to start from. As we go along, we can compare off of this. "Now we have a starting point." From here on, Phelps' schedule differs from what it normally would look like the year before an Olympics. When it levied its punishment on Phelps in October, USA Swimming also removed Phelps from the national team for the 2015 world championships in August in Kazan, Russia. That meet is one of the most important for elite swimmers across the world, simply because it allows them to gauge their progress against

those they likely will be competing against for Olympic medals next year. Phelps instead will prepare by using this season's Arena Pro Swim Series events (in Charlotte and Santa Clara, Calif.) and the U.S. national championships in August. He knows, too, that if he gets to where he wants to be in his training, his best is certainly good enough for him to compete with anyone in the world. He doesn't need the measuring stick of worlds to know that. For now, Phelps is focusing on being engaged each day with his training, maintaining his new post-suspension mental approach — he said a few times last week that this was the happiest he'd ever been — and making sure he's also just enjoying this ride. The fast times will come. "Being back in the water racing is something that I love, something that I really do enjoy," Phelps said. "It does feel really good to be back." Said Lochte, his longtime rival, after three races against him last week: "It feels like old times."

UPDATE

Police arrest UCLA recruit



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Soso Jamabo, charged with evading arrest, was released on \$7,500 bond.

A highly recruited Texas high school running back was arrested in a town east of Dallas after authorities said he fled police in a vehicle. **Soso Jamabo**, whose legal name is Sotonye Josiah Jamabo, was booked into the Kaufman County Jail early Sunday. Kemp Police Chief **Robert Walker** said Jamabo, 18, was charged with evading arrest after leading an officer on a high-speed chase. During the chase, police said, people in the truck threw unidentified objects out the window. Jamabo, a UCLA recruit, plays for Plano West High in suburban Dallas. UCLA associate athletics director **Josh Rupprecht** said the school was gathering more information on the incident. Jamabo ran for 2,279 yards and 44 touchdowns as a senior and was named to the American Family Insurance All-USA first team. He also was a starter on the Plano West basketball team that won the 6A state title. Jamabo chose UCLA over Texas in February.



JOSHUA S. KELLY, USA TODAY SPORTS
Jim Furyk's previous win had been in The Tour Championship in 2010.

FURYK WINS PLAYOFF TO CAPTURE RBC HERITAGE
Jim Furyk got his first PGA Tour victory in five years Sunday, making birdies on both playoff holes to outlast **Kevin Kisner** in the RBC Heritage at Hilton Head, S.C. Furyk had a one-stroke lead when Kisner birdied the 72nd hole to force the playoff. On the first extra hole, Kisner rolled in a second consecutive birdie putt on the 18th. Furyk, the 2003 U.S. Open champion, answered with another birdie. After Kisner missed a birdie try on the 17th, Furyk sank a 12-foot birdie putt for his 17th PGA Tour victory. Furyk shot 63 in the final round and Kisner 64, leaving them at 18-under 266. Masters winner **Jordan Spieth** shot 70 and was eight shots back. **Olin Browne** won the Greater Gwinnett Championship after constant rain forced the cancellation of Sunday's final round in Duluth, Ga.



GARY A. VASQUEZ, USA TODAY SPORTS
Katie Hamilton was all smiles when Josh signed with the Angels in 2012.

ANGELS' HAMILTON FILES FOR DIVORCE FROM WIFE
Court documents in Texas show Los Angeles Angels player **Josh Hamilton** is in the process of getting divorced from his wife, **Katie**. *The Dallas Morning News* reported the divorce petition was filed in February in Tarrant County, where Hamilton played five seasons with the Texas Rangers. The petition doesn't detail the couple's problems, but it cites conflict between them as a reason for the divorce. Hamilton has a long history of substance abuse problems and this year he self-reported a relapse. In March, Katie Hamilton submitted in court a general denial to Josh Hamilton's petition. This month, the couple agreed not to communicate with each other as the case proceeds. Hamilton hasn't been with the Angels since right shoulder surgery before spring training and his self-reported relapse.

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NBA

FRESHMEN FILL
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Kentucky, Duke
players likely to be
among the top 10

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Special for USA TODAY Sports

1. MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES
KARL-ANTHONY TOWNS,
KENTUCKY

Potential to dominate on both ends of the court makes him not only a safe bet but also one who could have more upside as well.

2. NEW YORK KNICKS
JAHILIL OKAFOR, DUKE

Possesses a combination of impressive post scoring, intelligent passing and dominant offensive rebounding. Defense has been disappointing.

3. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS
D'ANGELO RUSSELL,
OHIO STATE

Was dominant at times. Has the skills to play either guard position and can fit into just about any of- fensive system.

4. LOS ANGELES LAKERS
EMMANUEL MUDIAY, CHINA

His quickness, strength and pass- ing ability make him a top-five pick. There's concern around the league about his outside shot, but the rest of the package is very intriguing.

5. ORLANDO MAGIC
JUSTISE WINSLOW, DUKE

He's a great defender, with a good set shot and the ability to score off the dribble.

6. SACRAMENTO KINGS
MARIO HEZOJA, SPAIN

Incredible athlete and one of the more talented perimeter players in this class. Despite inconsistent minutes, he shot 40.6% from three-point range.

7. DENVER NUGGETS
STANLEY JOHNSON, ARIZONA

Strength, athleticism and defen- sive versatility were key in Arizo- na's defense, and his 37.1% shooting from three-point range should help his transition.

8. DETROIT PISTONS
WILLIE CAULEY-STEIN,
KENTUCKY

Athleticism, shot blocking and defense are his best attributes. Offense is raw, but modest im- provements he has made helped his stock.

9. CHARLOTTE HORNETS
KRISTAPS PORZINGIS, SPAIN

Has a good outside shot, a trait in demand. Lack of strength, tough- ness and rebounding are biggest question marks.



ROBERT DEUTSCH, USA TODAY SPORTS

10. MIAMI HEAT
KELLY OUBRE, KANSAS

One of the best athletes in the draft. He's held back by his unre- fined ballhandling skills, but if he improves that, the sky is the limit.

11. INDIANA PACERS
MYLES TURNER, TEXAS

A strong rebounder and an elite- level shot blocker. If he can ex- pand his offensive game, his de- fensive ability will get him minutes.

12. UTAH JAZZ
JAKOB POELTL, UTAH

Big men who can defend, on the weak side as a shot blocker and also on their man, and also re- bound are in high demand.

13. PHOENIX SUNS
FRANK KAMINSKY,
WISCONSIN

Had an excellent NCAA tourna- ment. Dominant games against Kentucky and Duke, which are filled with future NBA big men.

14. OKLAHOMA CITY
THUNDER
KRIS DUNN, PROVIDENCE

Returned from shoulder injuries to average 15.6 points and 7.5 as- sists. Good size and excellent athleticism.

15. ATLANTA HAWKS
DEVIN BOOKER, KENTUCKY

Struggled with consistency down the stretch, but his combi- nation of excellent perimeter shooting and good size and de- fense should translate to the NBA.

16. BOSTON CELTICS
TREY LYLES, KENTUCKY

He played much of his season out

of position, so there's quite a bit of interest in how much he can grow once he gets into his natural role as a face-up power forward.

17. MILWAUKEE BUCKS
KEVON LOONEY, UCLA

A good defender with a ton of physical tools, he can rise up draft boards if decision-makers feel confident in his offensive game expanding down the line.

18. HOUSTON ROCKETS
JERIAN GRANT, NOTRE DAME

A combo guard who can defend either guard position, his deci- sion-making and leadership are his best attributes. His perimeter shooting is inconsistent, but there's a lot to like.

19. WASHINGTON WIZARDS
BOBBY PORTIS, ARKANSAS

A power forward who has a devel- oping jump shot, a good face-up game and is a strong rebounder on both ends of the court.

20. TORONTO RAPTORS
TYUS JONES, DUKE

A heady and good all-around player but a bit undersized. De- fense will be his biggest concern at the next level.

21. DALLAS MAVERICKS
SAM DEKKER, WISCONSIN

Has good size, athleticism and a diverse offensive game. If he were able to convince decision-makers that he could gain consistency in his outside shot, he could rise up draft boards.

22. CHICAGO BULLS
CHRISTIAN WOOD, UNLV

With more continued progress, it's easy to see the potential this long, athletic power forward has.

Duke freshman
Jahlil Okafor's
post scoring and
offensive re-
bounding are
high on teams'
wish lists.



GODOFREDO VASQUEZ,
USA TODAY SPORTS

Ohio State's
D'Angelo Russell,
who averaged
19.3 points and
5.7 rebounds
a game, can fit
into many NBA
teams' systems.

23. PORTLAND
TRAIL BLAZERS
CAMERON PAYNE,
MURRAY STATE

Played more in control as a sophomore and was more con- sistent with his perimeter shot.

24. CLEVELAND CAVALIERS
DELON WRIGHT, UTAH

Few point guards have his com- bination of size, athleticism and defense. Inconsistent outside shooting remains a concern.

25. MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES
MONTREZL HARRELL,
LOUISVILLE

Tough defender, rebounder and consistent with his effort. At this stage of the draft, that's not a bad thing.

26. SAN ANTONIO SPURS
CARIS LEVERT, MICHIGAN

Might never grow into a top scoring option, but good all- around game should make him valuable for a team down the line.

27. LOS ANGELES LAKERS
R.J. HUNTER, GEORGIA STATE

A smart, heady wing player with skills as a scorer. Needs to prove he can be a consistent shooter to improve his draft stock.

28. BOSTON CELTICS
RONDAE HOLLIS-JEFFERSON,
ARIZONA

A great defender, tremendous athlete and high-energy guy. Needs shooting and perimeter game to improve enough to allow him to play wing at the next level.

29. BROOKLYN NETS
JUSTIN ANDERSON, VIRGINIA

A steady defender and a much- improved outside shooter, he should find a way to contribute as a three-and-D guy in the NBA.

30. GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS
CLIFF ALEXANDER, KANSAS

Last played Feb. 23, missing the remainder of the season as the NCAA investigated his eligibility. The strong, athletic big man was a disappointment in college.

Note: Team needs are not taken into account until after the NBA lottery.

Davis getting taste of postseason spotlight

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today. I went in the Bill Russell room, and me and (a Pelicans media relations official) were say- ing (as they looked at the picture) that he looks so much younger. He and I were in the same predic- ament. It's just cool when you see something like that."

If only because it reminded Davis of where he wants to go.

"When you mention basketball or NBA and you talk about great- est players, I definitely want to be in that conversation," Davis con- tinued. "You mention Bill Russell, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, all those guys. I want to be in that conversation."

As Garnett once famously said when he reached the NBA's mountaintop for the first time, anything is possible. It feels that way with Davis, as if there's very little he won't eventually be able to do as he spends the next 15 years playing the part of perenni- al MVP candidate. His Game 1 performance did little to dissuade that belief, as his 35-point outing was three points shy of tying the NBA record for a playoff debut of 38 by John Williamson in 1979 and fifth most in NBA history.

The Russell comparison is an audacious one, no matter who shares the sentence with him, but the reality is Davis is easily the



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closest thing to a carbon copy that you can find in today's NBA. The playoffs, in that regard, are an invaluable part of Davis' grow- ing process.

To watch Davis before Game 1 at Oracle Arena was to under- stand why this experience truly matters.

As he stood at his locker on Saturday morning, Davis was asked by the NBA TV folks if he would be willing to put his jersey on just for the sake of the cam- eras. He obliged, then muttered

in an innocuous kind of way, "Y'all are messing up my routine, man."

The pressure and the playoff spotlight must be lived and breathed to be understood, espe- cially for a player such as Davis, who isn't used to these kinds of demands.

New Orleans, for all of its charm, is a small market that re- ceives little media attention dur- ing the regular-season months and where Davis, for the most part, is allowed to clock in and

clock out as he pleases. To wit: The local newspaper, *The Times- Picayune*, did not send any re- porters to cover the team on the road after the All-Star break, even with the Pelicans in the midst of a playoff race.

And while the Pelicans surely would have taken pride in their season even if they didn't make the postseason, the value of being here is enormous.

The well-deserved credit com- ing Monty Williams' way is vital, because the fifth-year coach has a

Anthony
Davis scored
35 points
Saturday in
his playoff
debut. He
averaged
24.4 points
a game this
season.

unique relationship with Davis that both men hope lasts well be- yond Williams' contract (through next season).

Pro sports being pro sports, the fact they are sharing their first postseason appearance together was surely vital when it comes to the partnership staying intact.

Williams has been booed rou- tinely in New Orleans. That was the root of Davis' postgame TV speech when the Pelicans beat the San Antonio Spurs on the last day of the regular season to get into the playoffs, when he de- fended his coach. "I love him, man. I love him," Davis said.

"I think when you have history together, you go through a lot good and bad," Williams said. "And we've been through so much. It's not always about what people say and how that affects you, but we have a ton of experi- ence together. It's different from his rookie season, where I told him to explore and enjoy it. I want him to attack it now. We're both not just trying to be here and compete and have a good showing. We're trying to win. I want him to be mindful of that."

No matter what happens in this series, that's what Davis and the Pelicans will hold on to here. It's just the beginning, with the possibilities seemingly endless from there.

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Kyrie Irving scored a game-high 30 points to lead the Cavaliers to a 113-100 win vs. the Celtics.

IRVING SHINES IN POSTSEASON DEBUT

Cavaliers guard shows no sign of apprehension

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CLEVELAND Kyrie Irving might not have all the answers to the first playoff exam of his career just yet.

But in his playoff debut Sunday, the Cleveland Cavaliers guard aced the quiz.

He made his first three shots, scored 12 points in the second quarter, had 20 at halftime and finished with a game-high 30 in Cleveland's 113-100 victory against the Boston Celtics in Game 1 of their opening-round NBA Eastern Conference series.

"It started with Ky. He's our floor general," Cavs star LeBron James said. "He set the tone early on with his ability to make shots, his ability to get in the lane. Obviously, he can shoot the ball extremely well. He's able to mix it up. I thought he was phenomenal."

It's just the start of a first-round series and the beginning of what should be a long playoff slog, but Irving was fantastic. He has professed his love for the big stage, though that stage has been limited — save for one NCAA tournament appearance and an MVP performance for Team USA in the 2014 FIBA World Cup.

But he has a comfort level simply playing his style and understanding that will help his team. Irving's talent is obvious, and his confidence drives that. Without question, he presents a difficult

matchup for any opponent with his ability to create and make shots.

This moment was hardly too big for Irving, who became the second Cavaliers player to score at least 30 points in his playoff debut. James is the other.

"Having four days of preparation and being with my brothers in the war room going over film, going into the game you feel prepared," Irving said.

Addressing the playoff inexperience of a few players in his rotation, Cavaliers coach David Blatt said he wasn't concerned about how Irving, Love, Tristan Thompson and Matthew Dellavedova would perform in their first playoff game.

"They have a desire to succeed and to be a part of this great thing, the playoffs," Blatt said. "If it takes them more time or less time to get into their flow, then we'll be fine with that. We've got other guys who have been there before and hopefully will lead the way. But those guys will be fine. They'll be there."

After a difficult start for Love — two made shots in his first 11 attempts — he acquitted himself with 19 points and 12 rebounds, and Thompson did his usual work, scoring 12 points and collecting six rebounds, including four offensive boards for one of the best rebounders in the league on that end of the floor.

Even though this was James' first playoff game in a Cleveland uniform since the Cavs lost to the Celtics in 2010, this moment was not about James, and he realized it. James, who had 20 points, seven assists and six rebounds, wanted to make sure Irving and Love were engaged early, and James made sure they were getting touches, especially Love.

"They succeeded for their first time being in the postseason," James said.

If the Cavaliers are going to play for the Eastern Conference championship and beyond, they need strong play from Love.

"It's very important that Kev stays involved. For our ultimate goal, Kev has to be in a rhythm or at least touching the ball. And I feel like he's a part of what we're doing, which he is," James said. "I'm going to have the ball a lot; Kyrie's going to have the ball a lot. I just try to find a way to get Kev touches early on if it's the post or I come off pick-and-rolls."

There's something bigger going on, too. James, Irving and Love conducted their postgame interviews together on the dais. Love nodded when he listened to James talk about just playing the game and focusing on each possession and not worrying about the refs.

Irving bemoaned missed plays and said, "That feeling in your stomach is you want to do better."

James, Irving and Love are forging their partnership that will be necessary for wins bigger than Game 1 of the first round.

"LeBron is a champion. Me and Kev don't really have that experience," Irving said. "We're all learning from each other. The biggest thing is you want that as a competitor. As you prepare and get ready for the postseason, you want your best players to be at their best."

"We set the tone at both ends of the floor. We set it mentally, and physically we want to be there for everyone. We have to hold each other accountable. We got together. We are the Big Three. We have a lot of really great players on this team, but we set the tone."

Giants say it's no time to panic

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getting five of their first nine batters on base but scoring once, as two double plays thwarted possible rallies.

Given a second wind, Arizona starter Jeremy Hellickson threw one-run ball through 6²/₃ innings despite allowing eight hits as the Diamondbacks, who went 6-13 against San Francisco last season, took three of four in the series.

"Right now we're just trying to find ways to go out there and play some good baseball, pitch some clean innings and get some timely hits," said losing pitcher Tim Hudson, who yielded five runs in five innings.

The Giants demonstrated abundant resiliency during their three World Series runs, which came despite a 23-22 record as late as May 26 in 2010 — shortly before Posey arrived from the minors — another slow start (18-19 on May 16) in 2012 and a 20-36 stretch that nearly killed their chances midway through last season.

So it might be much too early to write off a team with lots of what Bochy has referred to as "championship blood," but there are nonetheless enough reasons to be concerned about San Francisco's ability to successfully defend its title.

They begin with a starting staff that, other than ace Madison Bumgarner, showed plenty of vulnerability last season, when the Giants starters' ERA of 3.74 ranked 10th in the league. After failing to land free agents Jon Lester and James Shields in the offseason, that rotation is back in place and now weaker because of injuries to Matt Cain — who has not thrown a regular-season pitch since July 9 — and Jake Peavy. Neither will return before May.

And Bumgarner himself has hardly looked like the postseason hero of October, putting up a 5.29 ERA in three starts. In fact, the Giants' top starter has been Chris

Heston, a 27-year-old rookie who replaced Cain in the rotation and has allowed one earned run or fewer in his three outings.

Absent shutdown pitching on most nights, the Giants have been unable to stay competitive in many games — they were outscored 49-20 in their last 10 — because of repeated failures in the clutch. They took a .194 season average with runners in scoring position into Sunday's game and, with productive right fielder Hunter Pence still out recovering from a broken forearm, had scored the fourth-fewest runs per game in the majors (2.77).

Nonetheless, the early stage in the calendar and the experience of the last few seasons help the Giants stay optimistic.

"I bet you there have been teams that have won the championship that had a start like this," center fielder Angel Pagan said before Sunday's loss.

Indeed, the 1914 Boston Braves (3-10) and the 1935 Detroit Tigers, 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates and 1991 Minnesota Twins — all at 4-9 — were just as bad or worse after 13 games as the Giants, and all went on to claim the championship.

It's highly unlikely they were about to face two Cy Young Award winners after those terrible starts, whereas the Giants will have to deal with Clayton Kershaw — in a marquee matchup against Bumgarner on Wednesday — and Zack Greinke this week.

The way Pagan sees it, that only provides the Giants an opportunity to finally get going.

"I'm not worried about the Dodgers or any other team coming in," Pagan said. "Every time a good team comes in, we put up a good effort and play well. I'm looking forward to it, because I think that series is going to give us momentum and bring out the best in us."

That's something Giants followers have yet to see this season.



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Tim Hudson gave up five runs in five innings Sunday as the Giants lost again to the Diamondbacks.

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MLB SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

					Last 10	Home	Away
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.		
Baltimore	7	5	.583	—	W-2	5-5	3-3
Boston	7	5	.583	—	L-2	6-4	3-3
New York	6	6	.500	1	W-3	5-5	2-4
Tampa Bay	6	7	.462	1½	L-3	5-5	1-5
Toronto	6	7	.462	1½	L-1	4-6	2-5

					Last 10	Home	Away
Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.		
Detroit	10	2	.833	—	W-1	8-2	5-1
Kansas City	9	3	.750	1	W-1	7-3	5-1
Minnesota	5	7	.417	5	W-1	5-5	4-2
Chicago	4	7	.364	5½	L-1	4-6	2-1
Cleveland	4	7	.364	5½	L-1	4-6	1-4

					Last 10	Home	Away
West	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.		
Houston	6	6	.500	—	W-2	5-5	4-5
Oakland	6	7	.462	½	L-1	4-6	3-4
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	1	L-2	4-6	0-3
Seattle	5	7	.417	1	W-2	4-6	3-3
Texas	5	8	.385	1½	L-2	4-6	2-4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

					Last 10	Home	Away
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.		
New York	10	3	.769	—	W-8	8-2	7-0
Atlanta	8	4	.667	1½	W-1	6-4	3-3
Washington	6	7	.462	4	W-1	5-5	4-3
Philadelphia	4	9	.308	6	L-1	3-7	3-3
Miami	3	10	.231	7	L-4	3-7	1-5

					Last 10	Home	Away
Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.		
St. Louis	7	3	.700	—	W-4	7-3	4-1
Chicago	6	5	.545	1½	L-1	6-4	4-4
Pittsburgh	6	6	.500	2	W-3	6-4	4-2
Cincinnati	5	6	.455	2½	L-3	4-6	4-2
Milwaukee	2	10	.167	6	L-5	2-8	1-5

					Last 10	Home	Away
West	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.		
Los Angeles	9	3	.750	—	W-7	8-2	8-1
San Diego	8	5	.615	1½	W-1	7-3	5-2
Colorado	7	5	.583	2	L-3	5-5	1-2
Arizona	7	6	.538	2½	W-1	6-4	3-3
San Francisco	4	10	.286	6	L-1	1-9	1-6

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

American League		
N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 3		Baltimore 8, Boston 3
Minnesota 7, Cleveland 2		Houston 4, L.A. Angels 3
Kansas City 4, Oakland 2		Seattle 11, Texas 10
Detroit 9, Chicago White Sox 1		
National League		
Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 2		Washington 4, Philadelphia 1
San Diego 5, Chicago Cubs 2		Arizona 5, San Francisco 1
L.A. Dodgers 7, Colorado 0		N.Y. Mets 7, Miami 6
Cincinnati at St. Louis		
Interleague		
Atlanta 5, Toronto 2		

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Pitchers	GS	W-L	Pct.	WHIP	ERA	IP	BA
Baltimore at Boston, 11:05 ET (Line: BOS, -135)							
BAL: Chen (L)	2	0-0	.000	1.06	4.35	10.1	.216
BOS: Masterson (R)	2	1-0	1.000	1.50	7.59	10.2	.262
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 7:08 ET (Line: DET, -135)							
NY: Sabathia (L)	2	0-2	.000	1.26	5.68	12.2	.300
DET: Simon (R)	2	2-0	1.000	.83	2.03	13.1	.196
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 ET (Line: CLE, -110)							
CLE: Carrasco (R)	2	1-1	.500	.95	2.84	6.1	.208
CWS: Danks (L)	2	0-2	.000	1.55	6.97	10.1	.325
Minnesota at Kansas City, 8:10 ET (Line: KC, -165)							
MN: Gibson (R)	2	1-1	.500	2.13	6.10	10.1	.378
KC: Volquez (R)	2	1-1	.500	.70	2.30	15.2	.167
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 10:05 ET (Line: LAA, -135)							
OAK: Graveman (R)	2	1-1	.500	1.85	7.27	8.2	.314
LAA: Shoemaker (R)	2	2-0	1.000	1.05	4.38	12.1	.255
Houston at Seattle, 10:10 ET (Line: SEA, -175)							
HOU: Wojciechowski (R)	1	0-1	.000	1.63	4.50	8.0	.303
SEA: Iwakuma (R)	2	0-1	.000	1.64	6.55	11.0	.326

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 ET (Line: PIT, -125)							
CHC: Arrieta (R)	2	1-1	.500	1.02	1.98	13.2	.200
PIT: Burnett (L)	2	0-1	.000	1.17	2.25	12.0	.244
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 7:20 ET (Line: MIL, -125)							
CIN: Desclafani (R)	2	1-0	1.000	.77	1.38	13.0	.159
MIL: Peralta (R)	2	0-1	.000	1.50	4.50	12.0	.333
San Diego at Colorado, 8:40 ET (Line: COL, -125)							
SD: Despain (R)	1	1-0	1.000	.34	.77	11.2	.054
COL: De La Rosa (L)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

RESULTS, UPCOMING GAMES

Friday	Saturday	Wednesday
American League	American League	American League
DET 2, CWS 1	CWS 12, DET 3	CLE at CWS, 2:10
BOS 3, BAL 2	CLE 4, MIN 2	BAL at TOR, 7:07
NY 5, TB 4	BAL 4, BOS 1	NY at DET, 7:08
MIN 3, CLE 2 (11)	HOU 4, LAA 0	BOS at TB, 7:10
LAA 6, HOU 3	NY 9, TB 0	MIN at KC, 8:10
KC 6, OAK 4	OAK 5, KC 0	OAK at LAA, 10:05
TEX 3, SEA 1	SEA 3, TEX 1	HOU at SEA, 10:10
National League	National League	National League
SD 5, CHC 4	PHI 5, WAS 3	CHC at PIT, 7:05
PIT 6, MIL 3	STL 5, CIN 2	MIA at PHI, 7:05
WAS 7, PH 2	CHC 7, SD 6 (11)	STL at WAS, 7:05
NYM 4, MIA 1	PIT 6, MIL 2	ATL at NYM, 7:10
STL 6, CIN 1	NYM 5, MIA 4	CIN at MIL, 8:10
ARI 9, SF 0	SF 4, ARI 1	SD at COL, 8:40
LAD 7, COL 3	LAD 6, COL 3	LAD at SF, 10:15
Interleague	Interleague	Interleague
ATL 8, TOR 7	TOR 6, ATL 5 (10)	TEX at ARI, 9:40

LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING		
Iglesias, Detroit	.457	
McCabrera, Detroit	.442	
Cain, Kansas City	.419	
AJones, Baltimore	.415	
Trout, Los Angeles	.400	
Felder, Texas	.383	
SPerez, Kansas City	.370	
RUNS		
Cain, Kansas City	11	
AJones, Baltimore	11	
Kinsler, Detroit	11	
Bautista, Toronto	10	
Donaldson, Toronto	10	
KMorales, Kansas City	10	
Moustakas, Kansas City	10	
Napoli, Boston	10	
RBI		
Travis, Toronto	12	
Cain, Kansas City	11	
AJones, Baltimore	11	
SPerez, Kansas City	11	
ARodriguez, New York	11	
McCabrera, Detroit	10	
Donaldson, Toronto	10	
JMartinez, Detroit	10	
HOME RUNS		
Cruz, Seattle	6	
JMartinez, Detroit	5	
AJones, Baltimore	4	
HRamos, Boston	4	
ARodriguez, New York	4	
STOLEN BASES		
Altuve, Houston	4	
Iglesias, Detroit	4	
DeJennings, Tampa Bay	4	
Souza Jr, Tampa Bay	4	
Betts, Boston	3	
Cain, Kansas City	3	
RDavis, Detroit	3	
Gardner, New York	3	
Marisnick, Houston	3	
JRamirez, Cleveland	3	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING		
AGonzalez, Los Angeles	.523	
LeMahieu, Colorado	.463	
DGordon, Miami	.400	
MCarpenter, St. Louis	.381	
Duda, New York	.370	
Cozart, Cincinnati	.368	
Holliday, St. Louis	.364	
RUNS		
AGonzalez, Los Angeles	13	
Inciarte, Arizona	11	
Arenado, Colorado	10	
Goldschmidt, Arizona	10	
Harper, Washington	10	
Upton, San Diego	10	
MCarpenter, St. Louis	9	
Myers, San Diego	9	
Pollock, Arizona	9	
RBI		
AGonzalez, Los Angeles	14	
Goldschmidt, Arizona	13	
Arenado, Colorado	10	
Dickerson, Colorado	10	
Stanton, Miami	10	
LeMahieu 2b	10	
Arenado 3b	10	
Dickerson lf	10	
HOME RUNS		
AGonzalez, Los Angeles	5	
Freeman, Atlanta	4	
Goldschmidt, Arizona	4	
Harper, Washington	4	
Votto, Cincinnati	4	
STOLEN BASES		
Hamilton, Cincinnati	8	
DGordon, Miami	6	
Aoki, San Francisco	6	
Bourjos, St. Louis	6	
Fowler, Chicago	6	
OHerrera, Philadelphia	6	
Polanco, Pittsburgh	6	
Revere, Philadelphia	3	
Rollins, Los Angeles	3	

Yankees 5, Rays 3

New York	102	110	000	— 5			
Tampa Bay	200	010	000	— 3			
New York	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so	avg
Ellsbury cf	5	1	2	0	0	1	.286
Gardner lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.290
Rodriguez dh	3	2	1	0	2	0	.316
Teixeira 1b	3	0	0	2	1	0	.184
Headley 3b	5	0	2	2	2	2	.234
Drew 2b	3	0	0	0	2	0	.167
Jones rf	4	1	3	0	0	0	.278
Young pr-rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.276
Murphy c	2	0	0	1	1	1	.250
Gregorius ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.189
Totals	33	5	11	5	6	6	

► **Batting** — **2B**: Rodriguez (3); Headley (1). **3B**: Jones (1). **S**: Gardner. **SF**: Teixeira; Murphy. **RBI**: Teixeira 2 (8); Headley 2 (7); Murphy (1). **GIDP**: Gregorius. **Team LOB**: 10.

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so	avg
DeJesus dh	2	2	1	0	1	0	.417
Forsyth ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.262
Souza Jr rf	5	1	3	3	0	2	.289
Cabrera ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.192
Longoria 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Jennings of	3	0	1	0	1	1	.205
Dykstra 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.083
Guyler lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Beckham 2b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.297
Kiermaier ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Brett 2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.500
Rivera c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.119
Totals	35	3	9	3	2	11	

C.Martin pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. **WP**: Wilson; Betances; Geltz. **HBP**: Guey (by Martin). **Balks**: Andriese. **Batters faced**: **pitches-strikes**: Pineda 23; 92-58; Martin 2; 15-10; Wilson 1; 5-3; Betances 5; 23-15; Miller 4; 18-12; Andriese 3; 12-6-39; Geltz 5; 25-31; Gomes 7; 40-25; Frieri 5; 32-19; Ramirez 3; 8-6.

► **Umpires** — **HP**: Rackley. **1B**: Layne; **2B**: Wendelstedt; **3B**: Davidson.

► **Game data** —**T**: 3:33. **Att**: 21,791.

Miller S,4	1	1	0	0	0	3	0.00
Tampa Bay							
Andriese L,0-1	3½	8	4	4	2	1	6.75
Geltz	1½	1	1	1	2	1	3.38
Gomes	2	1	0	0	1	2	0.00
Frieri	1½	1	0	0	1	2	6.75
Ramirez	1	0	0	0	0	0	19.89

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Pirates 5, Brewers 2

Davis lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.310
Parra cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.185
Gennett 2b	3	1	1	0	0	2	.207
Jimenez 3b	3	1	1	0	0	1	.100
Garza p	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Schafer ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Cotts p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Blazek p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	32	2	6	2	1	9	

EAGLES OFFER LAST HOPE FOR TEBOW

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ANALYSIS This is it, Tim Tebow. Your last chance to stick on an NFL roster.

But fortunately for Tebow, signing with the Philadelphia Eagles is also his best shot to restart his NFL career.

Tebow, nearly two years removed from his last NFL experience (on the training camp roster of the New England Patriots), will sign a contract with Chip Kelly's Eagles today and take part in the team's offseason program, according to a report from Fox Sports.

Tebow worked out for Philadelphia last month, so the Eagles have at least some idea of what sort of shape Tebow will be in when he arrives. They've gotten a glimpse of what his throwing motion looks like after extensive work with private quarterback coach Tom House. And they've talked to him enough to know what sort of man they'll be adding to their locker room.

After an offseason in the headlines, thanks to major moves including trading running back LeSean McCoy and signing 2014 rushing champion DeMarco Murray, Kelly and the Eagles



JEREMY BREVARD, USA TODAY SPORTS

Tim Tebow has been out of the NFL for two years. He spent last season working for the SEC Network.

must be OK with the media attention the addition will bring, because there will be no other bottom-of-the-roster quarterback in the league with more intrigue than Tebow, the enigmatic

2007 Heisman Trophy winner at Florida whose popularity transcends sports.

Tebow, who spent the last year working as a college football analyst for the SEC Network while

moonlighting for ABC's *Good Morning America*, is joining perhaps the only team where it is OK that he isn't a prototypical pocket passer and will be playing for perhaps the only head coach in the league innovative, creative and crazy enough to try to find a place for Tebow on his roster.

The chances that Tebow becomes the starter are slim — even with a shaky quarterback situation after trading with the St. Louis Rams for Sam Bradford, who is coming off a second anterior cruciate ligament surgery, last month. It seems unlikely that Tebow could even beat out Mark Sanchez for the backup job.

But maybe Kelly would see enough value in Tebow as a situational player to make him the No. 3 quarterback ahead of Matt Barkley.

So what will Tebow have to do to earn a spot on the 53-man roster?

First, he will have to prove that he has indeed improved his mechanics in his two years away from the NFL.

Even in a Kelly offense that lets the quarterback play out of the shotgun and requires the quarterback to be mobile, Tebow has to have improved his accuracy. In his stints with the Denver Broncos and New York Jets from 2010 to 2012, he completed 47.9% of his passes. Even in his best year,

2011 with the Broncos, when he led Denver to an improbable AFC West title and a wild-card round playoff win, he completed 46.5% of his throws while playing in an offense designed specifically for his unique (albeit limited) skill set.

No matter how many individual sessions Tebow has had over the last two years with House, the quarterback coach he was referred to by Tom Brady, Tebow will never look like a traditional NFL quarterback. But maybe he's improved just enough that Kelly will find a place for him.

If Tebow hasn't — if he reverts to his awkward passing motion and is slow to grasp the playbook or diagnose coverage when the Eagles start on-field work next month, prompting the team to cut him by September — no one else will come calling. Tebow wasn't out of the NFL for the last two years by accident.

It wasn't because teams were afraid of the circus that follows him. If Tebow couldn't make it in New England, playing in Bill Belichick's structured, distraction-limiting environment and buried on the depth chart behind Brady without the pressure of having to start, he wasn't going to make it anywhere else.

Until now, with Kelly, and the only situation that might make even a little bit of sense.

FOR THE RECORD

DEALS

Baseball

American League

Baltimore Orioles: Placed 2B Jonathan Schoop on the 15-day DL. Reinstated IF Jimmy Paredes from the 15-day DL.

Kansas City Royals: Placed P Greg Holland on the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Raymond Fuenfles to Omaha (AAA). Recalled P Yohan Pino and IF Orlando Calixte from Omaha.

Los Angeles Angels: Optioned P Adam Wilk to Salt Lake (AAA). Reinstated P Garrett Richards from the 15-day DL.

New York Yankees: Assigned P Joel De La Cruz outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (AA).

Toronto Blue Jays: Optioned P Colt Hynes to Buffalo (AAA). Selected the contract of P Jeff Francis from Buffalo.

National League

Chicago Cubs: Optioned OF Matt Szczerba to Iowa (AAA). Selected the contract of P Gonzalez Germen from Iowa. Transferred P Jacob Turner from the 15-day to the 60-day DL.

Los Angeles Dodgers: P David Huff outright to Oklahoma City (AAA). Optioned P Daniel Corcino to Tulsa (AA). Recalled P Adam Liberatore from Oklahoma City.

Miami Marlins: Optioned P Matt Tracy to New Orleans (AAA). Transferred P Jose Fernandez from the 15-day to the 60-day DL.

St. Louis Cardinals: Placed OF Randall Grichuk on the 15-day DL. Recalled IF Dean Anna from Memphis (AAA).

San Francisco Giants: Placed P Jake Peavy on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Andrew Susac from Sacramento (AAA).

Washington Nationals: Optioned OF Michael Taylor to Syracuse (AAA). Reinstated OF Denard Span from the 15-day DL.

Basketball

National Basketball Association

NBA: Fined Toronto Raptors general manager Masai Ujiri \$35,000 for using obscene language in a public setting on Saturday.

Hockey

National Hockey League

Montreal Canadiens: Recalled D Darren Dietz, D Brett Lernout, G Mike Condon, F Daniel Carr, F Charles Hudon and F Christian Thomas from Hamilton (AHL).

TODAY'S LINE

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National Hockey League

Today's games		
Favorite	Line	Underdog
CHICAGO	-120	MILWAUKEE
GOLDEN STATE	-115	NEW ORLEANS

National Basketball Assoc.

Today's games		
Favorite	Line	Underdog
N.Y. Rangers	-120	PITTSBURGH
MINNESOTA	-135	ST. LOUIS
WINNIPEG	-130	ANAHEIM

► MLB lines, 6C

SPORTS ON TV

Times Eastern. Programs live unless noted. Check local listings.

Major League Baseball: Baltimore at Boston (MLB Network, 11 a.m.); New York Yankees at Detroit (ESPN, 7 p.m.)

NBA: Playoffs, first round, Game 2, Milwaukee at Chicago (TNT, 8 p.m.); Game 2, New Orleans at Golden State (TNT, 10:30 p.m.)

NHL: Playoffs, first round, Game 3, New York Rangers at Pittsburgh (NBC Sports, 7 p.m.); Game 3, St. Louis at Minnesota (CNBC, 8 p.m.); Game 3, Anaheim at Winnipeg (NHL Network, 9 p.m.)

GOLF

PGA Tour

RBC Heritage

Final round — Sunday
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Furyk won on second playoff hole

Kevin Kisner (300), \$637,200	68-67-67-64=266 (-18)
Troy Merritt (190), \$401,200	69-61-69-69=268 (-16)
Brendon Todd (135), \$283,200	73-66-63-67=269 (-15)
Matt Kuchar (110), \$236,000	68-66-68-68=270 (-14)
Sean O'Hair (100), \$212,400	70-67-70-64=271 (-13)
Branden Grace (190), \$212,400	70-67-66-69=272 (-12)
Luke Donald (55), \$190,275	69-67-69-67=272 (-12)
Morgan Hoffmann (78), \$165,200	68-68-69-68=273 (-11)
Bo Van Pelt (78), \$165,200	68-67-67-69=273 (-11)
Blake Adams (63), \$129,800	72-65-71-66=274 (-10)
Brice Garnett (63), \$129,800	72-66-65-71=274 (-10)
Jordan Spieth (63), \$129,800	70-62-68-70=274 (-10)
Justin Thomas (63), \$129,800	70-67-66-69=274 (-10)
Luke Donald (55), \$100,300	73-66-66-70=275 (-9)
Bryce Molder (55), \$100,300	74-64-70-67=275 (-9)
Cameron Smith, \$100,300	68-73-67-67=275 (-9)
Brendon de Jonge (50), \$69,325	70-68-67-71=276 (-8)
Matt Every (50), \$69,325	66-70-70-70=276 (-8)
Lucas Glover (50), \$69,325	70-67-70-69=276 (-8)
Jerry Kelly (50), \$69,325	71-66-70-69=276 (-8)
Russell Knox (50), \$69,325	75-64-67-70=276 (-8)
John Kokrak (50), \$69,325	72-70-65-69=276 (-8)
Jason Peterson (50), \$69,325	72-65-71-68=276 (-8)
Ian Poulter (50), \$69,325	66-70-70-70=276 (-8)
Graeme McDowell (43), \$43,660	69-69-72-72=277 (-7)
John Merrick (43), \$43,660	69-65-71-72=277 (-7)
Paul Perez (43), \$43,660	69-71-67-70=277 (-7)
Carl Pettersson (43), \$43,660	72-69-69-67=277 (-7)
Brand Snedeker (43), \$43,660	77-64-67-69=277 (-7)
Alex Cejka (38), \$34,220	70-71-69-68=278 (-6)
Stewart Cink (38), \$34,220	70-67-71-70=278 (-6)
Martin Flores (38), \$34,220	73-67-69-69=278 (-6)
Bill Haas (38), \$34,220	71-70-68-69=278 (-6)
Joost Luiten, \$34,220	69-71-70-68=278 (-6)
William McGirt (38), \$34,220	71-70-68-69=278 (-6)
Songmoon Bae (31), \$25,370	67-73-70-69=279 (-5)
Ricky Barnes (31), \$25,370	69-72-70-68=279 (-5)
Scott Brown (31), \$25,370	74-67-71-67=279 (-5)
Ben Crane (31), \$25,370	72-67-72-68=279 (-5)

Jason Dufner (31), \$25,370	74-67-66-72=279 (-5)
Freddie Jacobson (31), \$25,370	71-68-70-70=279 (-5)
Ben Martin (31), \$25,370	69-69-70-71=279 (-5)
Zac Blair (24), \$17,413	70-69-71-70=280 (-4)
Steven Bowditch (24), \$17,413	74-68-68-70=280 (-4)
Brian Harman (24), \$17,413	75-65-69-71=280 (-4)
Robert Allenby (24), \$17,413	73-69-66-72=280 (-4)
Robert Streb (24), \$17,413	74-68-68-70=280 (-4)
Hudson Swafford (24), \$17,413	70-69-71-70=280 (-4)
George McNeill (24), \$17,413	72-67-72-69=280 (-4)
Billy Horschel (19), \$14,072	72-69-69-71=281 (-3)
Martin Laird (19), \$14,072	72-70-70-69=281 (-3)
Webb Simpson (19), \$14,072	71-70-69-71=281 (-3)
Vijay Singh (19), \$14,072	69-69-74-73=281 (-3)
Robert Allenby (14), \$13,334	71-71-67-73=282 (-2)
Jason Bohn (14), \$13,334	73-68-74-67=282 (-2)
Charl Schwartzel (14), \$13,334	72-70-71-69=282 (-2)
Kevin Streelman (14), \$13,334	71-65-71-75=282 (-2)
Brian Stuard (14), \$13,334	73-68-69-72=282 (-2)
Andres Gonzales (10), \$12,803	70-72-70-71=283 (-1)
James Hahn (10), \$12,803	70-69-72-72=283 (-1)
Danny Lee (10), \$12,803	71-71-69-72=283 (-1)
Daniel Summerhays (10), \$12,803	70-70-71-73=284 (-1)
Charley Hoffman (7), \$12,508	71-70-71-72=284 (-1)
a-Scott Vincent	70-67-76-72=285 (+1)
Aaron Baddeley (4), \$12,272	68-70-76-71=285 (+1)
Scott Langley (4), \$12,272	65-69-71-74=279 (-9)
I.K. Kim, \$121,191	65-69-71-74=279 (-9)
Hyo Joo Kim, \$84,605	69-73-70-69=281 (-7)
Chella Choi, \$84,605	70-68-71-72=281 (-7)
Sandra Gal, \$61,739	70-72-71-69=282 (-6)
Shanshan Feng, \$43,675	70-73-72-69=284 (-4)
Mika Miyazato, \$43,675	71-71-71-71=284 (-4)

LPGA

Lotte Championship

Final round — Saturday	
► Purse: \$1.8 million (a-amateur)	
Sei Young Kim, \$270,000	67-67-70-73=277 (-11)
Kim won on first-hole of playoff	
Inbee Park, \$167,061	67-70-69-71=277 (-11)
I.K. Kim, \$121,191	65-69-71-74=279 (-9)
Hyo Joo Kim, \$84,605	69-73-70-69=281 (-7)
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Mika Miyazato, \$43,675	71-71-71-71=284 (-4)

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (BEST-OF-7; X-IF NECESSARY)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Montreal vs. Ottawa

Montreal leads series (2-0)
Game 1: Montreal 4, Ottawa 3
Friday: Montreal 3, Ottawa 2 (OT)

Sunday: at Ottawa
Wednesday: at Ottawa, 7

x-Friday: at Montreal, TBA
x-April 26: at Ottawa, TBA

x-April 28: at Montreal, TBA
► **Tampa Bay vs. Detroit**

Series tied (1-1)
Game 1: Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 2
Saturday: Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 1

Tuesday: at Detroit, 7
Thursday: at Tampa Bay, TBA

April 25: at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-April 27: at Detroit, TBA

x-April 29: at Tampa Bay, TBA
► **N.Y. Rangers vs. Pittsburgh**

Series tied (1-1)
Game 1: N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1
Saturday: Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 3

Today: at Pittsburgh, 7
Wednesday, April 22: at Pittsburgh, 7

Friday: at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-April 26: at Pittsburgh, TBA

x-April 28: at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
► **Washington vs. N.Y. Islanders**

N.Y. Islanders lead series (2-1)
Game 1: N.Y. Islanders 4, Washington 1
Friday: Washington 4, N.Y. Islanders 3

Sun.: N.Y. Islanders 2, Washington 1 (OT)
Tuesday: at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30

Thursday: at Washington, TBA
x-April 25: at N.Y. Islanders, TBA

x-April 27: at Washington, TBA
► **Western Conference**

St. Louis vs. Minnesota
Series tied (1-1)
Game 1: Minnesota 4, St. Louis 2

Saturday: St. Louis 4, Minnesota 1
Sunday: at St. Louis, TBA

Wednesday: at Minnesota, 9:30
Friday: at St. Louis, TBA

x-April 26: at Minnesota, TBA
x-April 29: at St. Louis, TBA

► **Nashville vs. Chicago**
Chicago leads series (2-1)

Game 1: Chicago 4, Nashville 3 (2OT)
Friday: Nashville 6, Chicago 2

Sunday: Chicago 4, Nashville 2
Tuesday: at Chicago, 9:30

Thursday: at Nashville, TBA
x-April 25: at Chicago, TBA

x-April 27: at Nashville, TBA
► **Anaheim vs. Winnipeg**

Anaheim leads series (2-0)
Game 1: Anaheim 4, Winnipeg 2
Saturday: Anaheim 2, Winnipeg 1

Today: at Winnipeg, 9
Wednesday: at Winnipeg, 9:30

x-Friday: at Anaheim, TBA
x-April 26: at Winnipeg, TBA

x-April 28: at Anaheim, TBA
► **Vancouver vs. Calgary**

Series tied (1-1)
Game 1: Calgary 2, Vancouver 1
Friday: Vancouver 4, Calgary 1

Sunday: at Calgary, 10
Tuesday: at Vancouver, TBA

x-April 25: at Calgary, TBA
x-April 27: at Vancouver, TBA

Blackhawks 4, Predators 2
Nashville Chicago

1 1 0 - 2
1 3 0 - 4

First period — Scoring: 1. Chicago, Desjardins 1 (Hossa, Oduya), 14:48. 2. Nashville, Ribeiro 1 (Smith), 15:19.

Second period — Scoring: 3. Chicago, Toews 2 (Hossa, Keith), 0:36. 4. Nashville, Ekholm 1 (Ellis, Smith), 0:58. 5. Chicago, Saad 1, 3:38. 6. Chicago, Seabrook 1 (Toews, Shaw), 12:41.

Third period — Scoring: None.

Shots on goal:

Nashville Chicago

11 17 9 - 37
14 10 6 - 30

Power-play opportunities: Nashville 0-of-2, Chicago 0-of-2. **Goalies:** Nashville, Rinne (30 shots, 26 saves; record: 1-2-0), Chicago, Darling (37 shots, 35 saves; record: 2-0-0). **Referees:** Lee, Watson. **Linesmen:** Cherrey, Driscoll. Att: 22,020.

Islanders 2, Capitals 1

Washington 0 0 1 0 - 1
N.Y. Islanders 0 0 1 0 - 2

First period — Scoring: None.

Second period — Scoring: 1. N.Y. Islanders, Okposo 2 (Visnovsky, Bailey), 12:37.

Third period — Scoring: 2. Washington, Backstrom 2 (Green, Ward), 13:54.

Overtime — Scoring: 3. N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 1 (Kulemin, Leddy), 0:15.

Shots on goal:

Washington 5 8 12 0 - 25
N.Y. Islanders 16 17 7 2 - 42

Power-play opportunities: Washington 0-of-3, N.Y. Islanders 0-of-3. **Goalies:** Washington, Holtby (42 shots, 40 saves; record: 0-2-0), N.Y. Islanders, Halak (25 shots, 24 saves; record: 2-1-0). **Referees:** St. Laurent, Pollock. **Linesmen:** Heyer, Murchison. Att: 16,170.

AUTO RACING

IndyCar
Sunday's Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach

► **Track:** Long Beach Street Circuit

► **Lap length:** 80.1968-mile laps

1. (3) **Scott Dixon**, Chevrolet

2. (1) **Helio Castroneves**, Chevrolet

3. (2) **Juan Pablo Montoya**, Chevrolet

4. (5) **Simon Pagenaud**, Chevrolet

5. (7) **Tony Kanaan**, Chevrolet

6. (9) **Sebastian Bourdais**, Chevrolet

7. (6) **Josef Newgarden**, Chevrolet

8. (10) **Marco Andretti**, Honda

9. (12) **Carlos Munoz**, Honda

10. (11) **Sebastian Saavedra**, Chevrolet

11. (8) **Graham Rahal**, Honda

12. (13) **James Hinchcliff**, Honda

13. (4) **Ryan Hunter-Reay**, Honda

14. (16) **Jack Hawksworth**, Honda

15. (15) **Charlie Kimball**, Chevrolet

16. (17) **Gabby Chaves**, Honda

17. (21) **Conor Daly**, Honda

NFL

DRAFT, DEGREE DRIVE DUPREE

Linebacker set to reach two goals in 10-day span

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Bud Dupree spent four years at the University of Kentucky dreaming about accomplishing two major goals.

Now, in a span of 10 days this month and into early May, both will come true. First, Dupree will hear his name called during the NFL draft — likely as a first-round pick — at Chicago's Auditorium Theatre. He will be back in Lexington, Ky., on May 9, hearing his name read aloud again as he receives his bachelor's degree in community leadership. The outside linebacker is expected to be Kentucky's first first-round pick since 2003, and he'll be the first person in his extended family on his mother's side to receive a college degree.

"I feel like both are amazing accomplishments. I've been looking forward to the draft since I was a little kid," Dupree told USA TODAY Sports. "But at the same time, graduating from college is a once-in-a-lifetime thing."

A conventional decision for a draft prospect of Dupree's stature — a physical specimen at 6-4 and 269 pounds who was clocked at 4.56 seconds for the 40-yard dash — would have been to put school on hold. He could have left Lexington after wrapping up his senior year and fall semester, moved somewhere warm to train and focused exclusively on draft preparations. He could have eventually finished up his degree.

But Dupree figured he could train and study — and that four hectic months would result in the best week and a half of his life.

"It's not just making myself proud, it's making my family proud," Dupree said.

Getting ready for the draft and graduation hasn't been an easy process. It required time management as Dupree juggled four classes and an internship along with an intensive physical train-



DAVID STEPHENSON, AP

Compared to his edge-rushing peers, Bud Dupree says, "I'm more explosive than all those guys."

DRAFT PREVIEW

USA TODAY Sports is taking a position-by-position look at prospects in the NFL draft. Today: Outside linebackers



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ing plan to prepare him for the NFL scouting combine and his pro day. Kentucky's strength coaches and trainers developed a predraft plan for him, and Dupree squeezed in his workout sessions around his heavy class load.

"I would go to class first, and as soon as I got out of class I'd go work out. I may be working out real late sometimes; sometimes I had to work out real early in the morning. I just had to make sure I got it done," Dupree said.

It also required understanding and patience from his professors as Dupree had to miss classes while traveling across the country

for visits with NFL teams.

"When I'm traveling, I keep up with my teachers and they work with me the best they can," Dupree said. "I try to do as much work as possible in the short time I have."

Dupree has been in demand, with visits to at least nine teams, including the Baltimore Ravens, St. Louis Rams, Dallas Cowboys and Atlanta Falcons, as he has tried to convince teams he's worthy of being in the discussion of the best edge rushers in the draft. It's a crowded group, with talented pass rushers such as Florida's Dante Fowler Jr., Missouri's Shane Ray and Clemson's Vic Beasley expected to be high-first-round picks.

"What makes me different from those guys is I'm bigger and faster than all those guys. I'm more explosive than all those guys, and I can play the run and the pass, and I show a lot of cover skills," Dupree said. "My numbers probably don't show it as much as those other guys, because I played in a scheme where I put

myself after my team and didn't worry about myself personally. I made sure I did what the scheme told me to do."

Indeed, Dupree might be the rawest player among the top edge rushers. He had 23½ career sacks in four years at Kentucky, including 7½ as a senior. So as teams are comparing Dupree's game tapes to the others', it could be more difficult to predict his NFL potential.

"His workout numbers are ridiculous," ESPN draft analyst Todd McShay said. "God only makes a handful of these type of guys, so you have the tools there to develop, there's no question about it."

McShay said his concerns about Dupree involved his instincts and that he thought Dupree's reaction time was slower while he was "diagnosing" plays.

"I think he has improved. Clearly, he's a hard worker. Everyone I talk to says he works hard in the film room and transfers it — or he's learning to transfer it to the field," McShay said.

TEAM NEEDS

NOW'S TIME FOR COWBOYS TO UPGRADE PASS RUSH

Dallas Cowboys: Dallas has invested heavily on offense with first-round picks in recent years — guard Zack Martin last season, center Travis Frederick in 2013 — and it's time for the Cowboys to do the same on defense. Dallas has a major need for pass-rush help and plenty of questions still at linebacker, with middle line-

backer Rolando McClain facing a suspension and strongside linebacker Sean Lee returning from a knee injury.

New Orleans Saints: Although the Saints have significant needs on offense (starting with finding a replacement for tight end Jimmy Graham), Rob Ryan's defense needs another

edge rusher to play with outside linebacker Junior Galette. New Orleans is thin at the position despite adding veteran Anthony Spencer from Dallas in free agency, and the Saints must find an impact player early in the draft.

Houston Texans: The Texans used the No. 1 overall pick on a pass rusher last season, but defensive end Jadeveon Clowney remains a major question mark. The Texans could use an upgrade at outside linebacker to boost the

pass rush and find a player to complement Brian Cushing.

Cleveland Browns: Coach Mike Pettine loves hybrid defensive end-outside linebackers, and his team really needs to find one. 2013 first-round pick Barkevious Mingo showed improvement last year in his first season playing for Pettine, but the Browns need to upgrade in this draft by finding an explosive player who can get after the quarterback.

Lindsay H. Jones

OTHERS TO WATCH

Dante Fowler Jr.
Florida

Height: 6-3. **Weight:** 261.

Scouting report: Widely considered the best edge rusher in this class, Fowler easily could fit as a pass-rushing outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense.

Insider's take: "The way I look at the 3-4 outside linebacker in order: No. 1, you have to be a great pass rusher or have the ability to develop into one. No. 2, you've got to set the physical edge. And No. 3, you've got to be able to drop in coverage, and that's the least important of the three." — NFL Network analyst Mike Mayock.

Projected round: First



BRIAN SPURLOCK, USA TODAY SPORTS

Dante Fowler Jr. could be a top-10 draft pick April 30.

Hau'oli Kikaha
Washington

Height: 6-2. **Weight:** 253.

Scouting report: Kikaha doesn't have the speed of the other top edge rushers in this class (he ran 4.9 seconds in the 40-yard dash), but his highly productive career at Washington — including 19 sacks last year — is evidence his pass-rushing skills should translate to the NFL.

Insider's take: "Kikaha had a couple (anterior cruciate ligament injuries) early in his career, has been healthy the past two years, great motor off the edge, has some edge skills, not as long as you would like. I'm anxious to see what he runs and how he looks." — Mayock.

Projected round: Second or third

Eric Kendricks
UCLA

Height: 6-0. **Weight:** 232.

Scouting report: Kendricks, the younger brother of Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Mychal Kendricks, is a prototypical weak-side linebacker for a 4-3 defense. He was disappointed in his 40-yard dash time of 4.61 at the combine but still showed he's a player who can be effective on all three downs.

Insider's take: "He could probably go at the top in 2, but that wouldn't be out of reach for him in the first round." — NFL Network draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah

Projected round: First or second

Lindsay H. Jones

BOSTON MARATHON

Race offers city respite from bombing trial

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Special for USA TODAY Sports

BOSTON Thousands of runners and fans are scheduled to line up today for the Boston Marathon, just as they've done since 1897. But this year is markedly different because one thing is coloring all else: the federal trial of marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

Tsarnaev was convicted on all 30 counts against him in the 2013 marathon bombings, but he has not been sentenced. Tuesday, the region's eyes will turn back to federal court, where the penalty phase begins. The same jury that convicted him April 8 will decide whether he gets the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Against the trial's weighty backdrop, today's event offers a welcome reprieve from wounds reopened in recent testimony. The race has taken on fresh resonance as a symbol of hope and peace for a world scarred too frequently by terrorism.

"Last year was more defiant," said Boston resident Jack Byrne, recalling how the city refused to cancel the marathon despite fears of the potential for more attacks. "This year is more hopeful. This is kind of our first step toward getting back to normal."



MICHAEL DWYER, AP

Bombing survivor Marc Fucarile and his wife, Jennifer, walk past a protester outside federal court in Boston last month.

Tsarnaev's trial is helping to make the event feel safe again, according to Byrne, a 28-year-old guitar teacher who vividly remembers heeding a citywide mandate to stay indoors during the manhunt.

"If he's the guy and he's convicted, then I guess that makes it feel a little bit more safe," Byrne said.

Legacies of the 2013 bombings are everywhere. At dozens of

checkpoints installed last year to seal off entire sections of the course, guards will again be searching bags and patting down spectators. New measures have taken effect, including a prohibition on drones anywhere along the 26.2-mile course.

Bostonians say their iconic marathon, which draws runners from 86 countries, has not been diminished by the extra precautions.

The field of runners has swelled to 30,000, up from the standard 27,000, and about 2,000 were turned away because of space constraints.

Runners and spectators are expected to pump \$182 million into the local economy. That represents a 33% increase since before the bombings.

What's more, the trial hasn't tainted the event, Bostonians say. On the contrary, the ability to run and cheer shows the city's true colors as "compassionate and resilient, not revengeful," according to Dan Lebowitz, executive director of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University.

"We're not typified by a punitive nature" in Boston, Lebowitz said. "We always see some sort of path to redemption."

Boston can use the refreshment that comes with the marathon, an event held on Patriots' Day, a state holiday on the third Monday of April. Record snowfall, bitter cold and public transit failures made for an especially harsh winter in Massachusetts.

In March, daily news reports came from the federal courthouse, where graphic images showed bodies torn apart in April 2013. Amputees told of excruciating pain and lives forever changed.

Having been through so much

lately, the region is welcoming a one-day break with fun traditions, festivities and relatively mild temperatures. The timing of the trial feels fortunate to some, because the next stage could be more divisive than the guilt phase.

In signs of the region's fault lines, some victims and family members have said justice requires death for Tsarnaev. Others, including the parents of 8-year-old victim Martin Richard, want him sentenced to life in prison.

Across Greater Boston, 58% oppose the death penalty for Tsarnaev and 31% support it, according to a March poll by WBUR, a Boston affiliate of National Public Radio.

"I think death penalty — get rid of him," said Derek Crooks, a print machine operator from Nashua, N.H. "If he gets life, he'll get three square meals a day, probably the best care. ... Taxpayer money is going to pay to take care of him."

Omar Santos, a painter from Malden, Mass., said a death sentence wouldn't be severe enough. In the boat where he hid before capture, Tsarnaev wrote that he envied his deceased brother, who had received his "reward."

"I really want to see him pay," Santos said. "He needs to spend the rest of his days thinking about what he did."



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BURTKA BY ROBERT DEUTSCH, USA TODAY

A tale of two Davids on Broadway

David Burtka and David Hyde Pierce team up on musical comedy ‘It Shoulda Been You’ **2D**

LIFELINE

MAKING WAVES



USA TODAY

Now we know where ‘Star Wars’ spinoff film ‘Rogue One’ fits into the franchise timeline. The movie, which stars ‘The Theory of Everything’ actress Felicity Jones and hits theaters Dec. 16, 2016, takes place between Episodes III and IV of the series. That news came Sunday out of the Star Wars Celebration in Anaheim, Calif., where director Gareth Edwards unveiled a reel from the movie about “a band of resistance fighters (that) unite for a daring mission to steal the Death Star plans,” as the official @starwars account tweeted.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Even science nerds love attention. Actors Mark Ruffalo and Robert Downey Jr. — who play geniuses/heroes Bruce Banner and Tony Stark in ‘Avengers’— surrounded director Joss Whedon and took in the Beijing crowd’s love at the ‘Age of Ultron’ premiere Sunday. ‘Avengers: Age of Ultron’ hits U.S. theaters May 1.



STYLE STAR

Leave it to Usher to look stylish while he’s on the mend. The singer, who underwent foot surgery earlier this month, showed off custom crutches Saturday at the Global Citizen 2015 Earth Day event on the National Mall in Washington. After the show, he announced on Instagram that fans can win his gold and snakeskin crutches designed by Elisabeth Weinstock.



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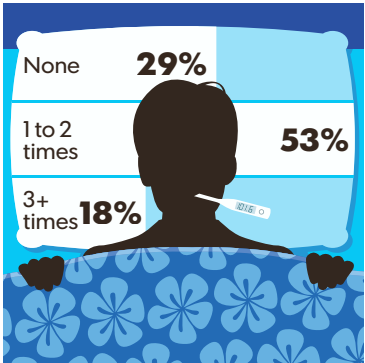
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JOAN MURPHY AND PAUL TRAP, USA TODAY

SNEAK PEEK **DESCENDANTS**

THE KIDS ARE NOT QUITE ALL RIGHT



Mal (Dove Cameron) is the “mini-me” to the evil Maleficent (Kristin Chenoweth), but a change of heart may be in her future.

JACK ROWAND, DISNEY CHANNEL

Mischief-making, music are in store for the children of Disney’s villains

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These rotten apples don’t fall far from the family tree. Disney villains’ children take the spotlight in the Disney Channel original movie *Descendants*, an action/adventure/romantic comedy with musical numbers directed and choreographed by Kenny Ortega (*High School Musical*). Those beloved baddies of classic animated movies are “misunderstood in a lot of ways,” says Kristin Chenoweth, who has a darkly humorous turn as the evil Maleficent. “Everybody wants what they want, and these villains want what they want.”



Premiering this summer, the movie checks in with characters in their “happily ever after” lives — well, at least for the heroes — on the mainland in Auradon. Villains such as Jafar, Cruella de Vil and the Evil Queen are banished to the Isle of the Lost, where they cannot use their powers.

But Ben (Mitchell Hope), the son of Belle and Beast, has been tapped as the new king, and he decides to take some of the bad guys’ home-schooled teenagers — Maleficent’s daughter Mal, Cruella’s son Carlos, the Evil Queen’s daughter Evie and Jafar’s son Jay — and allow them to

Teen team Jay (Booboo Stewart, left), Mal (Cameron), Evie (Sofia Carson) and Carlos (Cameron Boyce) are on a mission.

 **DESCENDANTS**
DISNEY CHANNEL, SUMMER

attend Auradon Prep. It’s a transformational tale for Mal, actress Dove Cameron says of her character. “She becomes less sarcastic and guarded, and becomes a bit more lovely and generous — what you’d expect ... (of) a Disney princess.” Ortega promises catchy tunes and the exploration of kids doing everything they can to win their parents’ love: “Does that make them bad? Yeah, a little. That they have the option to choose who they’re going to be is what opens up a big part of our story.” Cameron, 19, a superfan of Chenoweth’s since she was 7, was floored when learning of her new screen mom. “There was crying involved,” Cameron says. Chenoweth’s take on Maleficent is unlike Angelina Jolie’s in last year’s film and 1959’s *Sleeping Beauty*. “Let’s face it, she sings and dances,” the actress says. She also loves that Mal is her mom’s own little “mini-me.” “Maleficent wants her (child) to grow up and be her,” Chenoweth says. “I think a lot of mothers and daughters can relate.”

MOVIES

‘Furious 7’ still outpacing all competitors

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Furious 7 continues to roll at the box office, cruising to victory for the third weekend in a row with \$29.1 million and a domestic total of \$294.4 million. The final film of the turbo-charged franchise to star the late Paul Walker passed the \$1 billion mark globally Friday after just

17 days of release, a record. Megahits such as *The Avengers* and *Avatar* took 19 days to reach that milestone, according to tracking firm Rentrak. “Audiences have a true emotional connection to this movie and a big part of that is support for Paul Walker,” says Paul Dergarabedian, senior analyst for Rentrak. “But this film is also the true popcorn film experience. This is why people go to the theater to take a ride like this.”

Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2, the follow-up to the 2009 surprise hit, wheeled to a second-place finish with \$24 million. “It doesn’t matter what critics say for these kinds of films — there’s a place for silly family comedies,” says Jeff Bock, box office analyst for Exhibitor Relations. “We might just get a *Paul Blart* trilogy yet.” Horror film *Unfriended* took third with its tech-heavy twist on the teenage slasher film. It

earned \$16 million with a micro-budget estimated at \$1 million. Animated alien movie *Home* continued to pull in the family audience for fourth and \$10.3 million. Nicholas Sparks adaptation *The Longest Ride* rounded out the top five with \$6.9 million. Documentary *Monkey Kingdom*, which follows toque macaque monkeys in Sri Lanka, scored seventh place in its debut weekend with \$4.7 million. Final figures are out today.



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THEATER

Two Davids plan a musical wedding

Pierce directs Burtka in new comic ensemble

Elysa Gardner
USA TODAY

NEW YORK Two actors named David walk into a room, ready to talk up the new musical comedy that has brought them together, *It Shoulda Been You*.

The show marks David Hyde Pierce's Broadway directing debut and David Burtka's return to the Broadway stage after more than 10 years.

It takes place entirely on the day of a wedding — “always a place of heightened emotion,” says Pierce, 56, who is married to the show's librettist and lyricist, Brian Hargrove. “Two tribes come together, and they have to make peace.”

Burtka, 39 and married to Neil Patrick Harris, plays the groom, whose name is Brian.

The ensemble cast includes Sierra Boggess as Brian's bride, Rebecca, a nice Jewish girl — Brian is Christian — and Tyne Daly and Harriet Harris as Rebecca's and Brian's mothers. The moms' strained relationship is among several speed bumps and twists en route to a happy ending that celebrates tolerance and inclusion.

“It's for Jewish people, for WASPy people, for gay people, for straight people — for anyone who has found love in a certain way,” Burtka says.

Burtka notes that Pierce and Hargrove both drew on their extensive experience in television. “They come from that world and work at a fast pace, so they were throwing new jokes at us all the time” in rehearsals, Burtka says.

“You guys were very patient with that,” says the soft-spoken, dry-witted Pierce, with typical

Neil Patrick Harris, left, and David Burtka in April 2014.



ROBERT DEUTSCH, USA TODAY

David Burtka, left, and David Hyde Pierce team up for *It Shoulda Been You*, Pierce's debut as a Broadway director.



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Brian Hargrove, left, Pierce and Tyne Daly enjoy a curtain call on opening night for *It Shoulda Been You* April 14.

MUSIC

Legends rock their way into the Hall of Fame

CLEVELAND The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame returned to its spiritual and literal home Saturday with the induction of the hall's 30th class: Ringo Starr, Bill Withers, Joan Jett, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Paul Butterfield Blues Band, Green Day, Lou Reed and the “5” Royales. USA TODAY's **Jerry Shriver** captured the scene.

They love rock 'n' roll: Joan Jett and her Blackhearts opened the show at a sold-out Public Hall by tearing through early hits *Bad Reputation* and *Cherry Bomb* (the latter aided by Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl and original bass player Gary Ryan). She then introduced friend Tommy James to sing psychedelic pop hit *Crimson and Clover*, a 1968 hit for him that became a 1982 hit for her. Grohl and Miley Cyrus (who would later induct the group) joined in on vocals.

Great Green Day: During his group's induction speech, Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong cited his influences — Elvis, The Who, the Rolling Stones, Kool & the Gang, Def Leppard — adding, “I feel like my record collection is sitting here in this room.” The group showered the collected stars and fans with furiously paced versions of *American Idiot*, *When I Come Around* and *Basket Case*. Armstrong's voice was especially clear and strong and bratty on the latter.

Wither Withers? Speculation was rampant on whether Bill Withers, who hasn't recorded since the mid-'80s and who has rarely performed in the past 20 years, would sing. The question was answered — partially — after Stevie Wonder's dignified induction speech. Withers led Wonder to a harpejji and sat next to him silently during a moody and



KEVIN MAZUR, WIREIMAGE, FOR THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME

Billie Joe Armstrong and Green Day raised the roof with *American Idiot*, *When I Come Around* and *Basket Case*.



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Sir Paul McCartney introduced inductee Ringo Starr.

powerful *Ain't No Sunshine*. A band filed onstage led by John Legend, whose *Use Me* was properly dark and funky, and punctuated by jabbing horns. For set closer *Lean on Me*, Legend took the first verse, Wonder the second, and Legend led Withers to the stage to sing a chorus along with the group.

It didn't come easy: Ringo Starr was the last of The Beatles to be inducted for his solo work, even though he scored sev-

eral of the first post-Beatles solo hits. In the building where the group played in 1964, Paul McCartney presented him, saying, “It's a great honor to induce him, uh, induct him.” Ringo climbed behind a drum kit and launched into *Boys*, backed by Green Day, then joined an all-star group for the closing jam.

The big finale: Starr's brother-in-law Joe Walsh kicked off *It Don't Come Easy*, with Ringo adding jaunty vocals and flashing a peace sign, and Starr summoned Sir Paul to join him for *With a Little Help From My Friends*. But they were the frosting, as most of the night's inductees and performers also joined in a lusty rendition of the Beatles classic. The supergroup brought down the auditorium with *I Wanna Be Your Man* as Wonder, McCartney, Armstrong, Legend, Grohl, Walsh, Cyrus, John Mayer, Peter Wolf, Tom Morello, Zac Brown and anyone else who could carry a tune or a guitar drove it home. Starr's ocean-wide grin said it all.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony airs May 30 (8 ET/PT) on HBO.



JOAN MARCUS

Sydney Lucas, left, Beth Malone and Emily Skeggs portray cartoonist Alison Bechdel at different ages.

‘Fun Home’ feels rightly unsettling

An intimate setting for an emotional ride

FUN HOME ★★★
With Michael Cerveris, Beth Malone
Circle In the Square

NEW YORK Could a musical focusing on a lesbian cartoonist whose closeted father kills himself fly on Broadway?

For anyone who saw *Fun Home* at the Public Theater last season, that's a rhetorical question. From the start, this adaptation of Alison Bechdel's autobiographical graphic novel had all the earmarks of a contemporary hit: topical subject matter, a wittily irreverent but emotionally compelling book and score (by composer Jeanine Tesori and lyricist/librettist Lisa Kron) and characters who are idiosyncratic and instantly accessible.

On Broadway, where *Fun Home* opened Sunday, the show feels even more powerful, and more unsettling. This may owe partly to Circle's in-the-round structure, which provides more angles and a greater intimacy.

Director Sam Gold and his marvelous cast also have had more time to consider the complex challenges facing their characters, examined in scenes that shift back and forth in time. There's a key new player, Emily

graciousness.

“There was no tension between them, ever,” adds the more animated Burtka, referring to Hargrove and Pierce's working relationship. “It was amazing to see. I think I would have killed Neil.”

He's joking. Harris directed Burtka in a cabaret act at Manhattan's 54 Below, he notes, and Burtka produced the Web series *Neil's Puppet Dreams* and appeared on TV with his husband in

“It's for Jewish people, for WASPy people, for gay people, for straight people.”

David Burtka

How I Met Your Mother and, more recently, *American Horror Story*.

In recent years, Burtka has worked as a chef while focusing on his and Harris' 4-year-old twins, son Gideon and daughter Harper.

While Harris was honing his Tony Award-winning performance in last season's Broadway revival of *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, Burtka also found time to give him notes.

“At one point in rehearsals (for *Hedwig*), there was this rawness Neil was missing,” Burtka says. “It was a little too polished. I told him he should be a little more dirty.”

Pierce quips: “Boy, he sure took that note. I remember him licking that floor.”

Hargrove and Pierce also worked together before *Shoulda Been*, but “this is a much more intense version of what we've done in the past,” Pierce says. “It was 24 hours. We would literally be next to each other, not sleeping — him thinking about writing, me thinking about directing. Then we'd get up in the morning and go to rehearsal.”

Pierce smiles. “It was, I have to say, bliss.”

Skeggs, cast as Middle Alison — one of three representatives of Bechdel, at different stages of her life. Playing Alison as she begins college and discovers her sexuality, Skeggs is at once a winsome presence and convincingly awkward. Her sense of wonder is infectious, and her struggles to win over her father are heartbreaking.

Much the same could be said for Sydney Lucas, 11, whose portrayal of Small Alison at the Public made her the youngest recipient of the Obie Award. The riveting Beth Malone returns as Alison in her 40s, an artist coming to terms with her troubled childhood and her father's ultimately tragic path.

As played by Michael Cerveris — in what may be a career performance — Alison's dad, Bruce, is a cauldron of resentment and repressed desires.

Fun Home ends on a note of transcendence as Alison recalls that “every so often” she “soared above” her circumstances. This show does, as well.

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A report Friday gave the incorrect date for a screening of *Spy* at CinemaCon in Las Vegas. The full film will be shown Tuesday to theater owners.

FASHION

On the road again, in style

When you spend as much time on the go as USA TODAY's **Arienne Thompson**, it's tempting to sleepwalk through airport security in pajamas and Uggs. But, she says, "looking like a slob as I go from Point A to Point B is not my thing. I always make sure I look like a relaxed, put-together version of myself." She rounds up some stylish essentials for both wearing and packing.



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Air travel ain't what it used to be, what with all of the hassles, wait times and anxiety about safety. So to stay grounded, I always wear a piece of jewelry that's special to me. Lately, I've been relying on the evil eye motif to bring me extra good luck — like no flight delays!

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Feig finds humor in an ‘Other Space’

Director has funny women lined up for ‘Ghostbusters’ take

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Comedy is heading to the cosmos on *Other Space*, which blasted off last week with eight episodes on Yahoo. A long-gestating project of creator Paul Feig (*Bridesmaids*, *Freaks and Geeks*), the quirky galactic sitcom follows a ragtag crew of space explorers in 2105 whose ship is drawn into a strange, alternate universe. Food shortages, alien attacks and overwhelming incompetence ensue.

USA TODAY caught up with Feig to chat about the new series, reuniting with the *Geeks* cast 15 years later and directing the all-women *Ghostbusters* reboot.

Q: *Other Space* has an off-beat sense of humor, despite putting its characters in grim situations. How did you decide on the tone of the show?

A: It can be a very realistic tone, even if there’s absurdity happening around them. To me, there’s nothing funnier than funny people in peril, because it’s just a great springboard for people to be at a heightened emotionality and things get funnier. That’s what I really liked when I came up with the idea, like, “Wow, we’re putting them in a really hopeless situation and seeing how they go with it.”

Q: You reunited with the *Freaks and Geeks* cast on the TV Land Awards (which aired Saturday). Can you believe it has been 15 years since it was canceled?

A: No, it was weird. But when you look at the accomplishments of everybody on the show, sometimes you’re like, “Oh my God, I can’t believe it’s only been 15 years.” Seth Rogen, who’s a powerhouse in Hollywood now, (Jason) Segel, John Francis Daley (along with James Franco and Linda Cardellini). ... That’s when you go, “Wow, look at how successful everybody is.”

Q: It’s rare for a show to have so many cast members who go on to be successful. Was there anybody in the cast you had an early instinct about or who stood out?

A: They all stood out. What I didn’t know was how many of them had aspirations behind the camera, too, but we kind of slowly found that out. John Daley was making little films. Seth Rogen ... I remember him talking about this movie he was writing. He was 16 years old, and it was about two guys trying to buy beer. I was like, “Oh, that’s cute,” and it turned out to be *Superbad*. It was a driven bunch of kids, and we kind of brought them into the process and made it look attainable, I think, because we were so open with it and relying on them.

Q: You’ve worked with Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy (on *Bridesmaids*), but how did you land on (*Saturday*



JASON LAVERIS, FILMMAGIC

***Night Live* co-stars) Kate McKinnon and Leslie Jones for *Ghostbusters*?**

A: I’m just giant fans of theirs. I wanted to make sure I got four women who were very diverse in their comedies. There’s so many funny women I could’ve put in that, and so many I’m dying to work with, but you always have to make sure you don’t duplicate personalities or styles of comedy. I’m always in the (*SNL*) audience, I go whenever I’m in New York, so I know the cast really well. And I’ve hung out with Kate, I love her to death. She’s one of the nicest people I’ve ever met. And then when Leslie Jones burst on the scene, I was just like, “That’s just an undeniable force of nature.”

Q: Seeing how most people on the Internet have embraced the casting, has that helped ease any anxiety about rebooting the franchise?

A: Yeah, I mean, casting is 90% of a director’s job. But now it’s like, “OK, I got the greatest players, I just don’t want to let them down.” But that’s the way I work. I work very loose and we play around on the set, and you always have to have a good script, because you have to have the blueprint. But that’s just the jumping-off point for me, and getting these amazingly talented women. I have Katie Dippold (*The Heat*) writing with me, and Katie will be on set writing jokes and we’ll have other writers coming in and out, and we’ll be improvising. It’ll be very funny.



YAHOO SCREEN

Conor Leslie (on screen), Karan Soni, Eugene Cordero and Bess Rous rocket into *Other Space* on Yahoo.



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Paul Feig and the cast of *Freaks and Geeks* accept an award in honor of the show’s 15th anniversary at the TV Land Awards April 11 in Beverly Hills.

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TELEVISION

Tyson blends pop, stars

Astrophysicist ties it up on his NatGeo show

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Moving from radio to TV has its own set of perks. For astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, it's a chance to get dressed up to go to work.

"I've committed to wearing a different cosmic tie for every single episode, and I'll see how far I can carry that into the future," says the host of *StarTalk*, a late-night show bridging science and pop culture, premiering tonight (National Geographic Channel, 11 ET/PT). "I have 130 ties, so I can get a few seasons out of that."

In 10 taped weekly episodes (a second season already has been

ordered), Tyson invites scientists, comedians and journalists to New York's American Museum of Natural History to riff on topics such as social media, the space program, love in the modern age and whether science and religion can coexist.

Following the format of his radio show and podcast of the same name, *StarTalk* episodes revolve around a discussion with a guest. Visitors this season include actor George Takei in the *Star Trek*-focused first episode; director Christopher Nolan, who talks the science behind *Interstellar*; former president Jimmy Carter; media mogul Arianna Huffington and evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins.

Tyson says he had no TV ambitions, but after hosting Fox's docuseries *Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey* last year, NatGeo came to him with the idea for a show. But

he insists the time slot wasn't his idea, and *StarTalk* is not a traditional late-night show — meaning there's no band or monologue.

And although he has appeared on *The Daily Show*, *Conan* and *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* for segments, Tyson says he didn't look to those hosts when shaping his own program.

"That being said, if you watch Jon Stewart in an interview, he is never the subject of the interview — the guest is who matters," Tyson says. "He can have an interview where he's in the interview, but it's not about him, and I thought to myself, 'That's a good model.'" He also admires the blend of humor and intelligent commentary of late-night staple Jay Leno. "I don't ever want to take a detour to tell a joke, so one of the goals is that the humor emanates naturally from what's going on in the show."

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SCORPION
CBS, 9 ET/PT
Things are looking dire for the Scorpion team, which faces internal pressures (which often happens when team members date) and — in tonight’s season finale — a potentially fatal crisis: Walter is trapped in a car that is teetering on the edge of a cliff. The show, however, isn’t: Odds seem good that it will be back next season. Which also mean odds are good that Walter will somehow survive this crisis.



WALTER O'BRIEN (ELYES GABEL) IS LITERALLY ON EDGE ON *Scorpion*.

CASTLE
ABC, 10 ET/PT
Speaking of surviving a crisis: As you may remember, *Castle* opened its season with the writer/detective returning from a two-month absence he was not able to explain. The show returns to that story tonight as a mysterious recurring dream gives Castle and Beckett a few new clues as to what may have happened, and renews their search for answers.

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
NETWORK								
ABC	Dancing with the Stars. Performances on Spring Break Night. (N) (Live) (HD)				Castle. Investigating Castle's disappearance. (N) (HD)		Local news.	Kimmel. (HD)
CBS	2 Broke Girls. (N) (HD)	Mike & Molly. Kay comes back to town.	Scorpion. (Season finale) The team must save Walter. (N) (HD)		NCIS: Los Angeles. A former acquaintance needs help. (N) (HD)		Local news.	Letterman. John Travolta. (N) (HD)
Fox	Gotham. The Ogre chooses a target. (N) (HD)		The Following. Mark comes to a surprising decision. (N) (HD)		Local news and programming.			
NBC	The Voice. The top 10 artists perform. (N) (Live) (HD)				The Night Shift. Drew retreats from the media's eye. (N) (HD)		Local news.	Fallon. LL Cool J; Rose Byrne; Big Sean. (N) (HD)
PBS	Antiques Roadshow. (N)		Antiques Roadshow. (HD)		Independent Lens. Effects of Deepwater Horizon oil spill. (N)		Charlie Rose. (N)	
CW	The Originals. Hayley seeks Aiden's help.		Jane the Virgin. (N) (HD)		Local programming.			
ION	Criminal Minds. (HD)		Criminal Minds. (HD)		Criminal Minds. (HD)			Criminal Minds. (HD)
Telemundo	Avenida Brasil. (N)		Tierra de Reyes. (N)		Dueños del Paraíso. (Season finale) (N)		Al Rojo Vivo. (N)	Titulares y Más.
Univision	Amores con Trampa. (N)		Hasta el Fin del Mundo. (N)		Que te Perdona Dios... Yo No. (N)		Impacto Extra.	Noticiero Uni.
CABLE								
A&E	Bates Motel. Romero faces a new threat.		Bates Motel. Norman agrees to get help.		The Returned. (N)		Bates Motel. Norman agrees to get help.	
ABC Family	Rio. (From 7:00) (1 hr. 36 mins.) (2011)		Dr. Dolittle. A 20th-century doctor can talk with animals. With Eddie Murphy. (1998)		The 700 Club.		The 700 Club.	
AHC	Hitler's Jurassic Zoo.		Hitler: The Rise and Fall.		Hitler: The Rise and Fall. (N)		Hitler's Jurassic Zoo.	
AMC	Saving Private Ryan. (From 6:00) With Tom Hanks, Edward Burns. (1998)		TURN: Washington's Spies. (N)		TURN: Washington's Spies.			
Animal Planet	Yukon Men.		Alaska: The Last Frontier.		Alaskan Bush People.		Yukon Men.	
BBC America	Top Gear. Ferrari F12.		Top Gear. A trade mission to India.				Top Gear. Racing a car against a yacht.	
BET	The Magic City. With Latrice Jackson, Amiya Thomas. (1 hr. 55 mins.) (2013)				Being Mary Jane.		The Game.	The Xperiment. (N)
Bravo	The Real Housewives of Atlanta.		Shahs of Sunset. (N)		Southern Charm. (N)		What Happens.	Shahs of Sunset.
Cartoon	King of the Hill.	King of the Hill.	Cleveland Show.	Bob's Burgers.	American Dad.	American Dad.	Family Guy.	Family Guy.
CMT	Reba.	Reba. Bar brawl.	Smokey and the Bandit. With Burt Reynolds, Sally Field. (1 hr. 40 mins.) (1977)				Cops Reloaded.	
CNBC	NHL Hockey: St. Louis Blues at Minnesota Wild. Western Conference Quarterfinal, game 3. (N) (Live)						The Profit.	
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360. (N)		Weed 3: The Marijuana Revolution.		High Profits.		Anderson Cooper 360.	
Comedy	South Park.	South Park.	South Park.	South Park.	Archer.	Archer.	Daily Show.	The Nightly Show.
Destination America	Buying the Bayou.		Buying the Bayou.		Buying the Bayou.		Buying the Bayou.	
Discovery	Fast N' Loud: Revved Up. (N)		Fast N' Loud. (N)		Misfit Garage. (N)		Fast N' Loud.	
Disney	Princess Protection Program. With Selena Gomez. (2009)		Liv & Maddie.		Austin & Ally.		I Didn't Do It.	Jessie.
DisXD	Star vs. Forces.	Randy: Ninja.	Happy Feet Two. (Starts 9:03) With Voices of Elijah Wood. (1 hr. 40 mins.) (2011)				Star vs. Forces.	Randy: Ninja.
E!	Keeping Up with the Kardashians.		Keeping Up with the Kardashians.		The Royals.		E! News. (N)	
Esquire	Parks/Recreation.	Parks/Recreation.	Parks/Recreation.	Parks/Recreation.	Parks/Recreation.	Parks/Recreation.	The Soup.	The Soup.
Fox News	The O'Reilly Factor. (N)		The Kelly File. (N)		Hannity. (N)		The O'Reilly Factor.	
Food	Diners, Drive.	Diners, Drive.	Diners, Drive.	Diners, Drive.	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives.		Diners, Drive.	Diners, Drive.
FX	The Vow. With Rachel McAdams, Channing Tatum. (1 hr. 44 mins.) (2012)				The Vow. With Rachel McAdams, Channing Tatum. (1 hr. 44 mins.) (2012)			
FXX	The Simpsons.	The Simpsons.	The Simpsons.	The Simpsons.	The Simpsons.	The Simpsons.	The Simpsons.	The Simpsons.
GSN	Newlywed.	Newlywed.	Family Feud.		Family Feud.		Family Feud.	Family Feud.
Hallmark	Little House on the Prairie.		The Middle.		The Middle.		The Golden Girls.	The Golden Girls.
HGTV	Love It or List It.		Love It or List It.		House Hunters. (N)		Hunters Int'l.	HGTV Smart Home 2015. (N)
History	Swamp People.		Swamp People. (N)		Rivernmen. (N)		The Universe: Ancient Mysteries Solved.	
H2	Ancient Aliens.		Ancient Aliens.		Ancient Aliens.		UFO Files. Roswell files.	
HLN	Nancy Grace. (N)		Dr. Drew on Call. (N)		Forensic Files.		Forensic Files.	Forensic Files.
ID	Cause of Death. (N)		Cause of Death.		Fear Thy Neighbor. (N)		Cause of Death.	Cause of Death.
IFC	Pulp Fiction. Criminals cross paths in three interlocked tales of mayhem. With John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson. (2 hrs. 33 mins.) (1994)						The Bone Collector.	
Lifetime	The Surrogate. With Cameron Mathison, Amy Scott. (1 hr. 30 mins.) (2013)				Gone. (Starts 10:02) With Amanda Seyfried, Daniel Sunjata. (2012)			
MSNBC	All In with Chris Hayes. (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show. (N)		The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell.		All In with Chris Hayes.	
MTV	Teen Mom. Tyler posts a video of Carly.		Teen Mom. Maci is expecting.		Teen Mom. Amber confronts Gary. (N)		True Life. (N)	
Nat. Geo.	Science of Stupid.	Science of Stupid.	The Big Picture.	The Big Picture.	Hubble's Cosmic Journey. (N)		StarTalk. Moral and social issues of today.	
Nick	Full House.	Full House.	Full House.	Full House.	Fresh Prince.	Fresh Prince.	Friends.	Friends.
OWN	Dateline on OWN. A couple marries.		Dateline on OWN.		Dateline on OWN.		Dateline on OWN. A couple marries.	
Oxygen	The Karate Kid Part II. (From 7:30) With Ralph Macchio. (1 hr. 53 mins.) (1986)				Snapped. The search for a missing man.		Snapped.	
Science	Impossible Engineering. (N)		Impossible Engineering.		Caught Camera.		Caught Camera.	Impossible Engineering.
Spike	Cops.	Cops.	Cops.	Cops.	Cops.	Cops.	Cops.	Cops.
Sundance	Law & Order.		Law & Order. Murders seem unrelated.		Law & Order. Slain psychiatrist is found.		Law & Order.	
Syfy	Blade: Trinity. (From 6:30) (2004)		Constantine. With Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz. (2 hrs.) (2005)				The Punisher. (2004)	
TBS	Family Guy.	Family Guy.	American Dad.	American Dad.	Big Bang Theory.		Conan.	
TCM	Kiss Me Deadly. With Ralph Meeker, Albert Dekker. (1 hr. 45 mins.) (1955)				They Drive by Night. With George Raft. (1940)		Three. (Starts 11:45)	
TLC	Hoarding: Buried Alive: Last Chance.		My 600-Lb. Life.		Half-Ton Killer: Transformed.		My 600-Lb. Life.	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Chicago Bulls. Eastern Conference First Round, game 2. (N)				NBA Basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Golden State Warriors.			
Travel	Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern.				Time Traveling.		Bizarre Foods America.	
TruTV	Hardcore Pawn.	Hardcore Pawn.	Hardcore Pawn.	Hardcore Pawn.	Hardcore Pawn.	Hardcore Pawn.	Fake Off. It's the Fake Off semifinals.	
TV Land	Family Feud.		Family Feud.		The King of Queens.		The King of Queens.	
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW: The Authority return with ground breaking news regarding the new reality show "Tough Enough." (N)				Modern Family.		Modern Family.	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta. Stevie J's bad behavior. (N)			Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta.		Love, Hip Hop.		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta.
WE	CSI: Miami.		CSI: Miami. Eric Delko returns.		CSI: Miami.		CSI: Miami.	
Weather	Building Invincible.		Top 10: Bible Weather.		Top Ten Most Extreme Places.		Why Planes Crash.	
WGN America	America's Funniest Home Videos. (HD)		America's Funniest Home Videos. (HD)		Salem. A former foe helps Mary. (HD)		The Guardian. with Ashton Kutcher. (2006)	
MOVIE NETWORKS								
Cinemax	ATL. (From 6:30) (2006)	Breakdown. (Starts 8:20) A stranded motorist's wife vanishes while going for help. With Kurt Russell. (1997)			Hannibal. A disfigured victim of cannibalistic Dr. Lecter seeks revenge. With Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore. (2 hrs. 11 mins.) (2001)			
Encore	Lonesome Dove. Cattle drive to Montana. (ESP Part 1 of 4)			Lonesome Dove. Call and Gus confront an old enemy. (ESP Part 2 of 4)			Bat 21. (Starts 11:10) With Gene Hackman, Danny Glover. (1988)	
FXM	Mr. & Mrs. Smith. A husband and wife are assassins for rival organizations. With Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie. (2 hrs.) (2005)				Mr. & Mrs. Smith. A husband and wife are assassins for rival organizations. With Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie. (2005)			
HBO	X-Men: Days of Future Past. X-Men and their earlier selves must alter a pivotal event. With Hugh Jackman, James McAvoy. (2 hrs. 11 mins.) (2014)				Game of Thrones. Arya arrives in Braavos.		Veep.	Silicon Valley.
HMM	The Locket. (From 7:00) With Vanessa Redgrave, Chad Willett. (2002)		Loving Leah. A doctor agrees to marry the widow of his older brother. With Lauren Ambrose, Adam Kaufman. (1 hr. 30 mins.) (2009)			Murder, She Wrote. Jessica's stockbroker is murdered.		
Lifetime Movie	Assumed Killer. Daria suspects her husband may be a serial killer. With Casper Van Dien, Barbie Castro. (1 hr. 27 mins.) (2013)				Hush. A married man deals with an obsessive former girlfriend. With Tori Spelling, Victoria Pratt. (1 hr. 36 mins.) (2005)			
Showtime	Failure to Launch. (Starts 8:15) A man's parents hatch a plan to move him out of the house. With Matthew McConaughey, Sarah Jessica Parker. (2006)				Nurse Jackie.		Nurse Jackie.	All Access
Starz	The Monuments Men. (From 6:55) With George Clooney. (2014)		Conspiracy Theory. A paranoid cabbie's rantings make him a CIA target. With Mel Gibson, Julia Roberts. (2 hrs. 15 mins.) (1997)		22 Jump Street. (Starts 11:20) (2014)			
TMC	Jamie Marks Is Dead. (From 6:45)	Fruitvale Station. Flashbacks reveal the final day of a man killed by police. With Michael B. Jordan. (2013)			Lee Daniels' The Butler. A White House butler serves many presidents over the years. With Forest Whitaker, Oprah Winfrey. (2 hrs. 12 mins.) (2013)			
SPORTS NETWORKS								
ESPN	MLB Baseball: New York Yankees at Detroit Tigers. From Comerica Park in Detroit. (N)				Baseball Tonight. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter. (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	2015 Draft Academy.		30 for 30.		30 for 30.			
ESPNU	30 for 30.		NBA D-League Basketball: Austin at Santa Cruz. Semifinal, Game 3. (If necessary). (N)					
FS1	Fox Sports 1 on 1.	Fox Sports 1 on 1.	UFC Fight Night: Machida vs. Rockhold.				Fox Sports Live. (N) (Live)	
Golf	The Golf Fix. (N)		Big Break Palm Beaches. (N)		Big Break Palm Beaches.		Golf Central.	
MLB	MLB Tonight: Featuring live look-ins, updates, highlights, reporting and analysis. (N) (Live)							
NBA	One on One.	Shaqtin' Fool.	The Association.		Making the Call.	NBA GameTime. (N)		
NBCSports	NHL Hockey: New York Rangers at Pittsburgh Penguins. (N)		NHL Hockey: Anaheim Ducks at Winnipeg Jets. (Joined in Progress) (N) (Live)		NHL Overtime. (N)			
NFLN	A Football Life.		NFL Films Presents.		NFL Films Presents.		Path to the Draft.	
							NFL Total Access.	